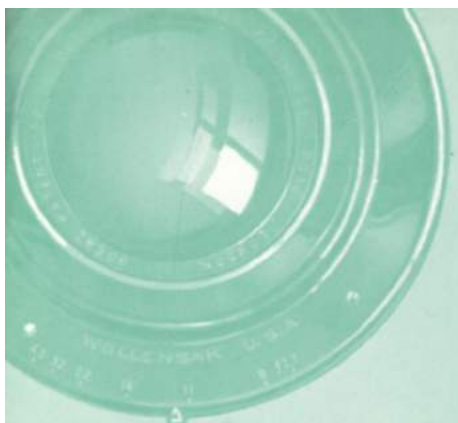


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Familiar Faces

Around the Plant



John Ebbeling, Supervisor in Department 670, and Mrs. Ebbeling live on Hill Street, Whitinsville. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. His hobby is carpentry



Joseph Marshall, Department 416, and Mrs. Marshall live in North Uxbridge. They have 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren. Joe enjoys watching baseball and football



Mrs. Jane Longmuir, Master List, has been a Whitin employee for 15 years. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, she now lives in North Uxbridge. Her hobby is swimming



Mrs. Carol Corron, Repair Sales, and her husband Donald live in the Overlook Apartments. She is a Spindle Reporter. Her hobbies include water, skiing and golf



Carlton M. Wood, Lathe Hand in Department 429, lives in Grafton. He enjoys both fresh water and deep sea fishing, but his special interest is watching auto races



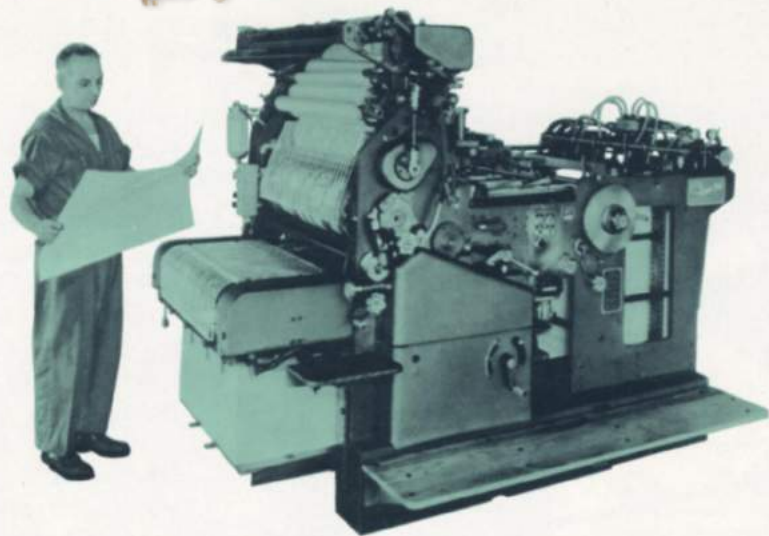
Garret Swart, Molder, came from Holland to the United States in 1923. He lives in Whitinsville and has 2 sons and 2 daughters. His hobbies are bowling and gardening



Donat Roy, Group Leader in Department 414, and wife Leonide live in Northbridge. Their mutual hobby is travel and sightseeing. Donat was born in Armagh, Quebec, Canada

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Edward Prusseck, ATF instructor at Whitin, examines a test sheet from a Model DL Superchief. This 7600 pound machine, largest of the presses built by Whitin, makes from 2800 to 7000 impressions an hour on sheets measuring up to 23 by 30 inches. This machine may be either sheet or stream fed

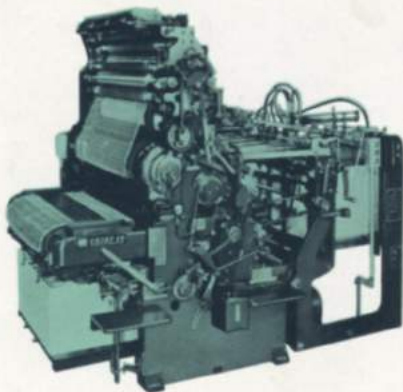


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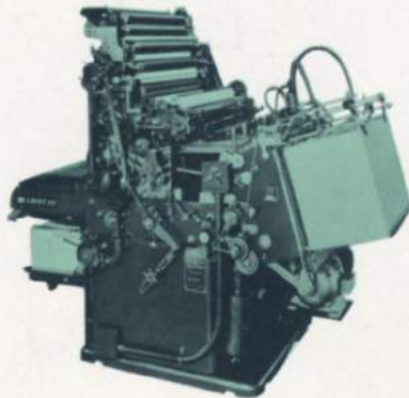
WHITIN-BUILT American Type Founders offset printing presses have already been shipped to customers in countries as far away as Spain and to customers in cities as close as Boston.

In full production are the DM, DE, DC, and DL models; beginning production is the DP model, an offset press designed for air-borne transportation which is being built for the U. S. Government.

All ATF presses manufactured by Whitin use the offset method of printing. These presses, like all offset machines, transfer a printed image from a rubber "blanket" onto a sheet of paper. However, while alike in principle, the models vary in size, weight, speed, and the size of paper stock they handle. Well-designed and sold internationally by American Type Founders, a firm with an excellent reputation and an



Another size press is the 5700-pound Model DC or Chief 29, making from three to five thousand impressions an hour on sheets 22½ by 29 inches. This press, like all ATF machines, is precision built



All ATF presses do top quality work. This Model DE, or Chief 22, weighs 3200 pounds and will make from 2700 to 6000 impressions an hour on stock 17½ by 22½ inches



The Model DM, or Chief 20, now being built with all Whitin parts, weighs 1748 pounds. It makes from 3200 to 5500 impressions an hour on paper measuring 14 by 20 inches

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Left: Elaine Grehoski, balance and stores clerk in Storesroom #3, shows maximum size sheets which can be printed on four models of ATF presses



established sales force, these presses compete for the market with the presses of three other major United States manufacturers.

While the physical construction of the presses and the purpose for which they are used are entirely different from that of our textile machines, the men who erect them have skills which are similar.

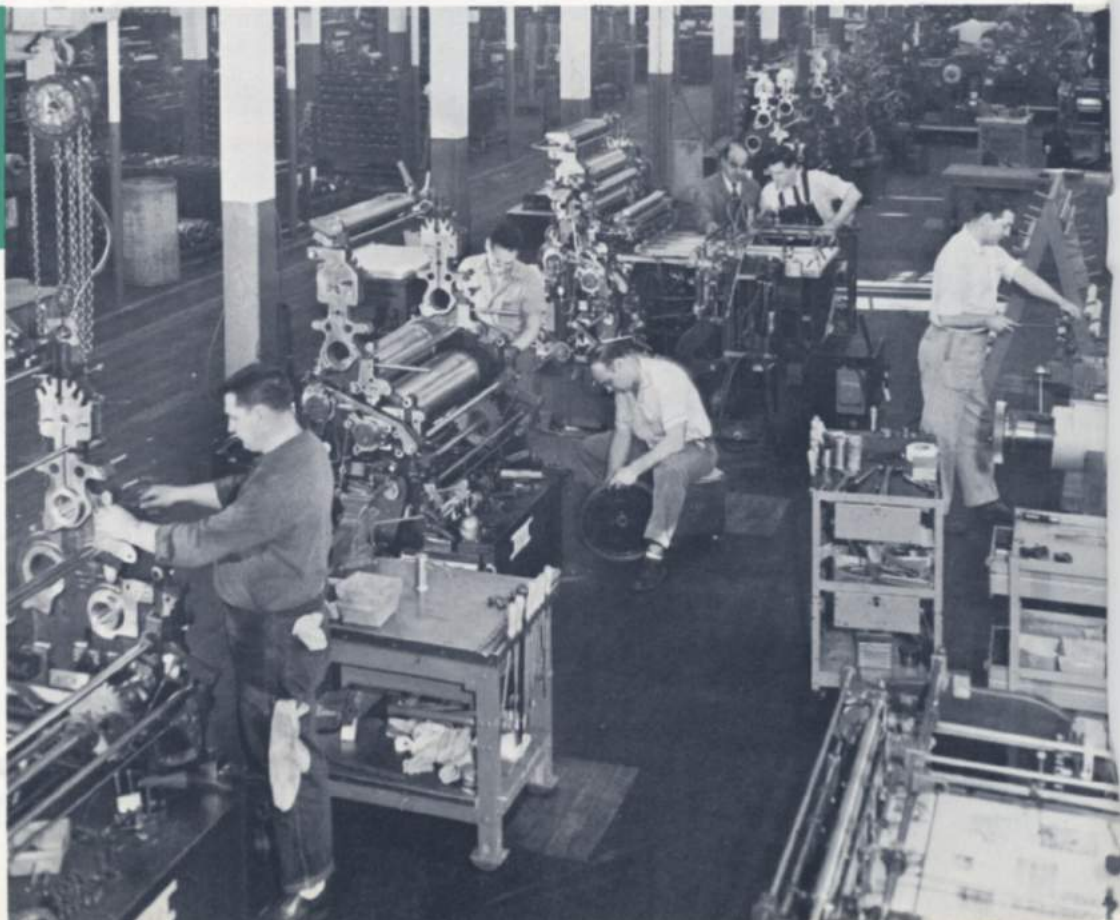
In the area formerly occupied by Department 411, there are now 55 men who contribute to the building of the printing presses. About forty of these men carry Department 428 numbers and the remainder are inspectors, electricians, painters, and packers.

The men are organized into crews, one for each model of press. Some work on bases, some erect side frames, and others add tie bars and shafts; while more men work on either feeders or deliveries, still others complete the presses by adding cylinders and gearing. When the presses are completely erected, they are turned over to testers. It is their job to test run each press

Hail to the Chiefs

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Each model of the ATF presses is erected in a particular section of the erecting floor. In the DC section, from the left: Paul Poulin erects a side frame; Michael Avedisian assembles a linkage; Joseph Valis fits a hand wheel; ATF Lead Instructor Stephen Capra discusses the function of a feeder with Group Leader Kenneth Reid; Alfred Desrochers fits a part





In the DM section, from the left; foreground—Normand Gagnon works on headstops, ATF Instructor Joseph Tschaikowsky watches methods, and Francis Basinet assembles a side guide; background—William Duggan works on a delivery while Hendrick Marro adjusts delivery jiggers

for five hours, making 20,000 impressions at varying speeds. During this period the tester adjusts all settings, and makes a final test run for solids and register to insure good printing quality.

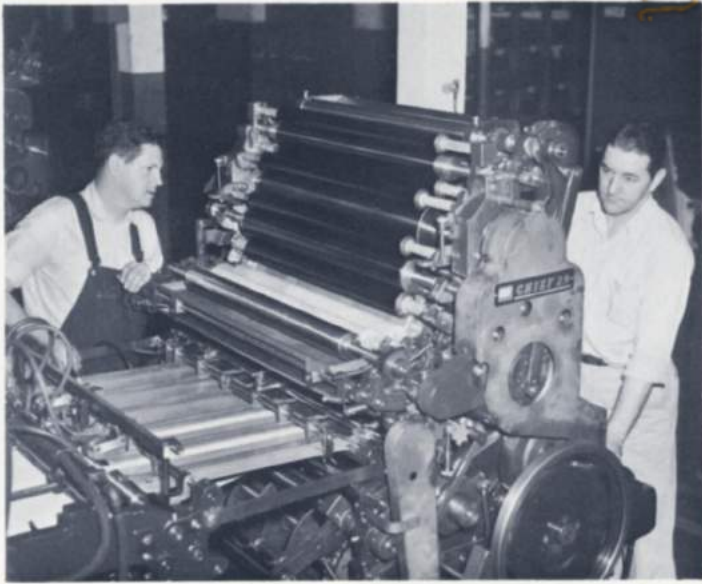
The quality of the department's work is attested by the fact that with each press as it leaves the floor goes a guarantee of one year's free service by American Type Founders.

The continuing flow of presses from Department 428, while only a small fraction of Whitin's total business, is evidence that diversification of products has brought additional work to many of our manufacturing departments.

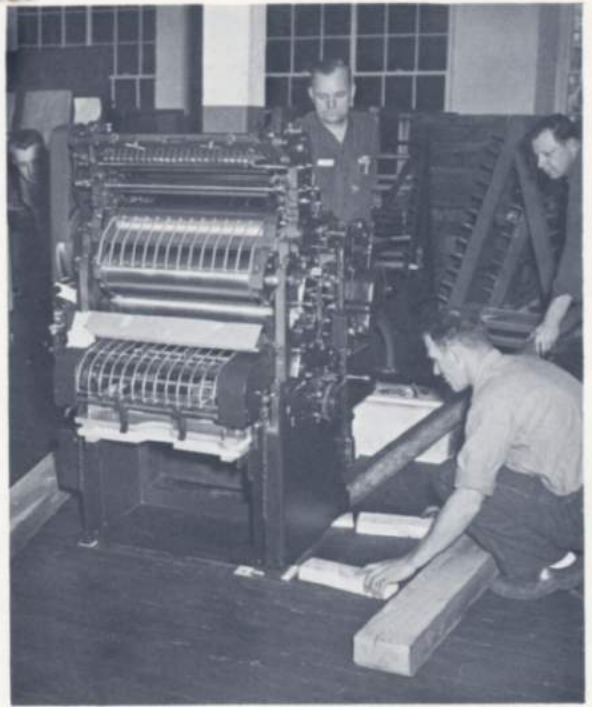
Department 428 is under the supervision of Divisional Superintendent Ira Maghakian. He started his employment with Whitin as a machine operator on the Bolster Job but was soon promoted to setup man. In 1945 he was appointed Assistant Foreman of the department and in 1954 was made Foreman. In 1956 he was promoted to Divisional Superintendent in charge of Duplicators and ATF printing presses. Ira is a graduate of North High School, Worcester and Worcester Boys' Trade School where for nine years, during evenings, he studied technical courses. He and Mrs. Maghakian live in Worcester and have a daughter Adrienne who is now Mrs. Michael Oviau of Manchester, Connecticut.



Among the more critical items is the fine finish of the cylinders. Discussing the subassembly of a DC cylinder are, from the left, Foreman Gil Hoyt, Divisional Superintendent Ira Maghakian, Acting Assistant Foreman William Lyman, and ATF Representative John Soederberg



From the left: Group Leader Kenneth Reid and Alfred Desrochers test a completed Chief 29. All presses undergo thorough testing



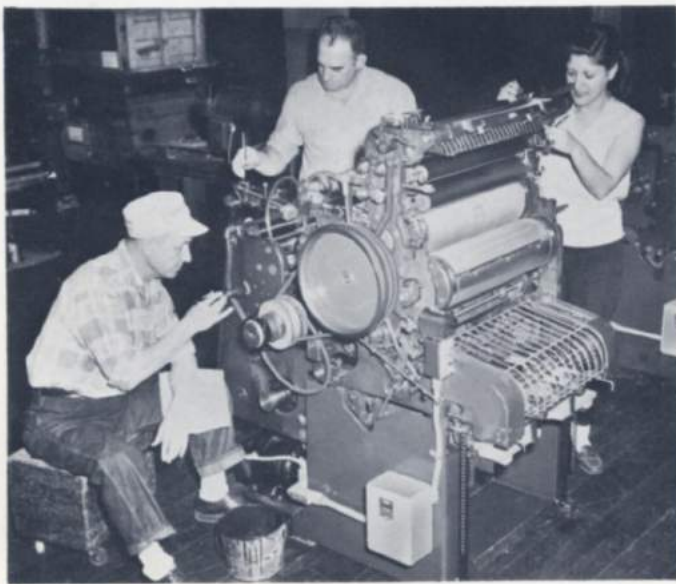
Below: A group of packers place a completed press on skids. From the left: Donat Roy, Group Leader Sidney Dufries, Andrew Berube, and Stephen Stanick

Hail to the Chiefs (continued)

The foreman in charge of Department 428 is Gilbert Hoyt, age 38, who was formerly a foreman of erecting at ATF for sixteen years. Gil, Mrs. Hoyt and their four daughters now live on Woodland Street, Whitinsville.

John Soederberg, former manufacturing superintendent at American Type Founders, is now that company's representative at Whitin. John and Mrs. Soederberg have moved to Pleasant Street, Whitinsville. They have a son, a daughter, and a granddaughter.

Above: All parts and subassemblies for the presses pass through Storesroom #3. Approximately 3,500 different items are stocked here. From the left, Group Leader Roland Riendeau and Supervisor Richard Guilbeault set up new locations for the storage of parts. Exact locations for storage speed up the ordering of parts for and delivery to the erecting floor



After erection is completed, painters "touch up" the press and paint all oil holes and grease fittings red. From the left: Harold Ingham, George Braman, and Cora Barsamian



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Whitin Personality

PROFIT? WHY??

The engineer doesn't buy his own locomotive; the office girl doesn't own her own typewriter; the metal lathe operator doesn't buy his own lathe. Most people INDIVIDUALLY can't afford to buy the big power tools used in producing things. It takes about a \$14,000 investment for building space, supplies, power tools and the rest of the things a single factory workman needs on his job.

But millions of people, by pooling their savings, can and do buy the tools. Today, upwards of ten million Americans own shares of those tools—own stock in American business and industrial corporations. Those people risk their money—they put their dollars to work—because, naturally, they want a profit.

FRONT COVER: Pictured is Winifred Spencer, of the Duplicator Laboratory, and recently from Manchester, England, who has been looking forward to her first New England winter and the outdoor fun that comes with it.

BY QUIET and conscientious application, Gerrit H. Ebbeling, Department 482 Foreman, has earned a position of respect among his fellow men. The high regard in which he is held is evidenced by his office as the president of the W.M.W. Credit Union. Gerrit has held this office since November 1956.

Although Gerrit was born in Chicago on September 28, 1906, he has always regarded Whitinsville as his home town. His father, who had been working for the Pullman Car Company, returned with his family to Whitinsville when Gerrit was eighteen months old. Gerrit attended the local schools and later continued his education through correspondence courses.

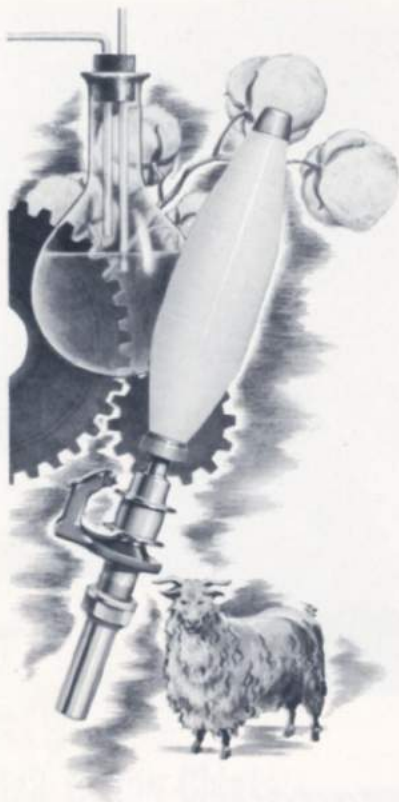
He began work in the Core Room in October, 1920, and two years later transferred to the Foundry Office. After three years he returned to the Core Room. He was appointed Assistant Foreman on May 1, 1938, and Foreman on May 25, 1946.

On December 6, 1928, he and Sadie VanderBaan were married in the Christian Reformed Church where for twenty-one years Gerrit was the organist. They now live at 69 Goldthwaite Road in the six-room Cape Cod house they had built for them. Their son, Henry G. Ebbeling, who holds a B.S. Degree in machine design from the Rhode Island School of Design, is employed in the engineering department of Heald Machine.

While Gerrit no longer plays the organ, for his own amusement he plays folk songs on the piano, and he is president of the Choral Society of his church. As a member of the Home Garden Club, he grows fine vegetables. During the fishing season he can be found seeking yellow perch, pickerel, and bass, while during hunting season he goes after rabbits and birds with his twenty-gauge shotgun.

As a sports fan, he likes the Boston Celtics and is, in his own words, "a rabid Red Sox fan who is still hoping and waiting." It is his considered opinion that "If Ted Williams had had just a little different attitude, he would have been one of baseball's immortals."

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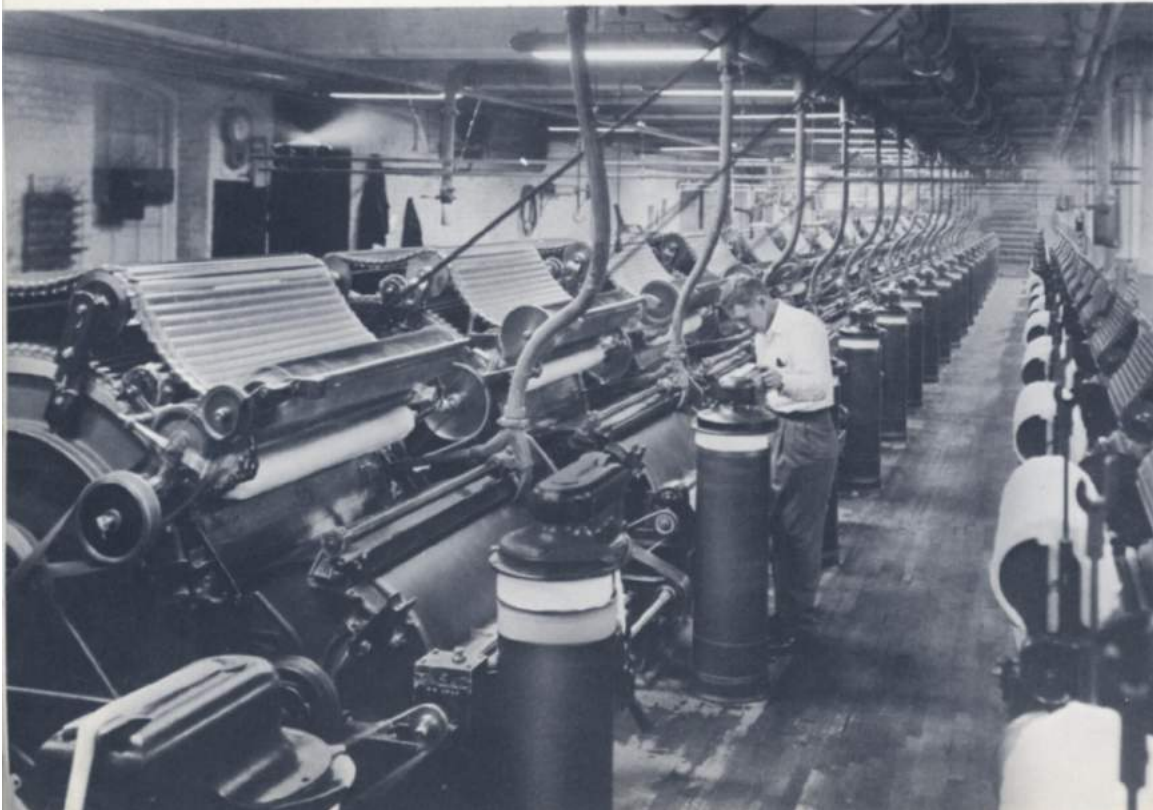
Whenever Man Turns Fibers into Yarn

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

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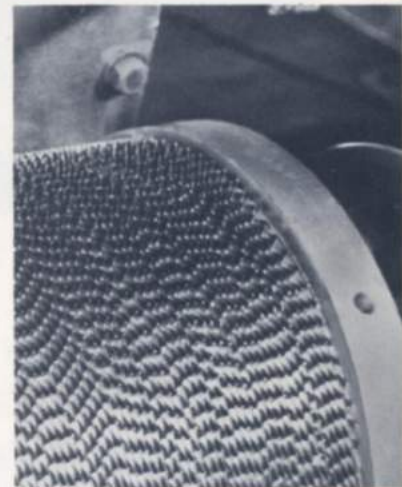
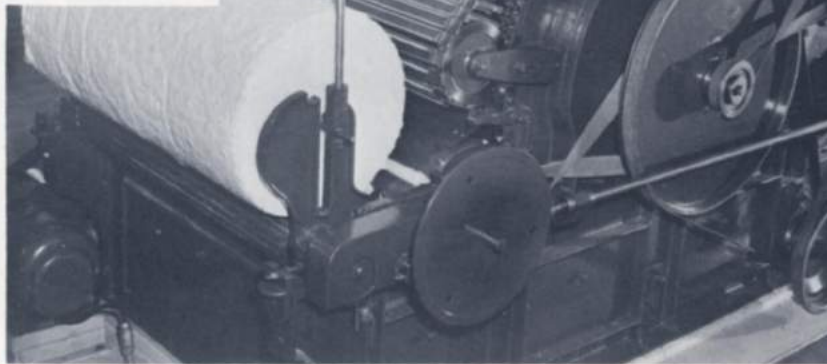
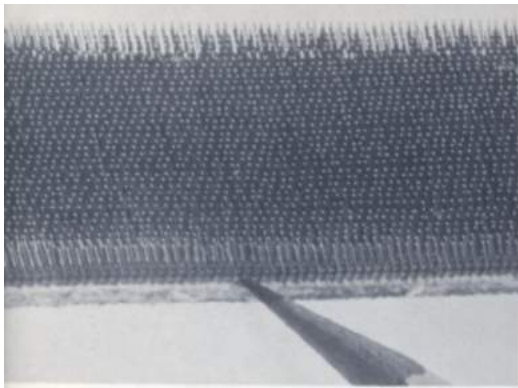
FROM LAP TO SLIVER

In the January issue of the SPINDLE, an illustrated article explained how and why Whitin Opening and Picking machinery is used in the processing of cotton in the textile industry. The next machine in the processing line is the Card, the importance of which is discussed in this article.



Whitin Model L Cards are sturdy machines which give decades of service. Each operator can handle from forty to fifty cards. A card, for combed yarns, produces from four to eight pounds per hour, for carded yarns from six to twelve pounds per hour. This installation is at Trenton Cotton Mills, Gastonia, North Carolina

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Above: The cotton lap, weighing on the average from forty to fifty pounds, is mounted at the back of a Model L Whitin Card. The fibers are fed into the machine under a feed roll. Pictured clearly are the revolving flats which work above the main cylinder. Lower right: The first carding action is performed by the lickerin, traveling at a thousand feet per minute. Fiber separation is begun by the teeth on eight wires spiral wound on the lickerin. Upper left: Many millions of needle points, as shown on this piece of card clothing, are mounted on the card cylinder, on the revolving flats, and on the doffer. Ordinary pencil point gives some idea of the size of the wire

THE COTTON as it comes from the Picker is in the form of a lap. In this form the cotton starts on its way through the Card. It travels on three wire covered cylinders with air currents playing a major part.

The main functions of the Card are to separate the fibers, convert the cotton from lap form to a sliver (a continuous untwisted strand of individualized fibers approximately three-quarters of an inch in diameter and weighing approximately fifty grains per yard) and remove the remaining dirt and trash.

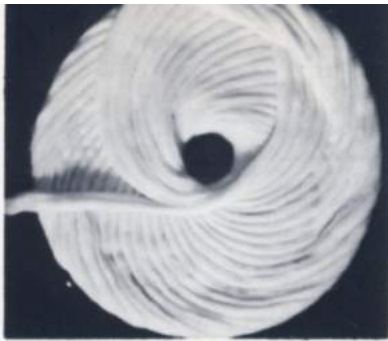
The lap is mounted at the back of the Card where it is slowly fed into the machine between a feed roll and a feed plate. As it passes beyond the feed roll it comes in contact with the lickerin, which is a roll nine and seven-eighth inches in diameter covered with saw-toothed wires. The lickerin runs at high speed and the saw-toothed wires pluck the fibers from the lap.

As the fibers are carried down by the lickerin, the undesirable motes and dirt are removed by the mote knives. (A mote is a portion of the covering of a cotton seed which has been removed with some of the short fibers adhering to it during the ginning process.)



The cotton fibers come from the doffer in the form of an exceedingly fine web, separated from the doffer surface by the rapid up-and-down movement of the comb. It is condensed into sliver by being drawn through a trumpet by calender rolls. A uniform web with few neps is a sign of quality carding

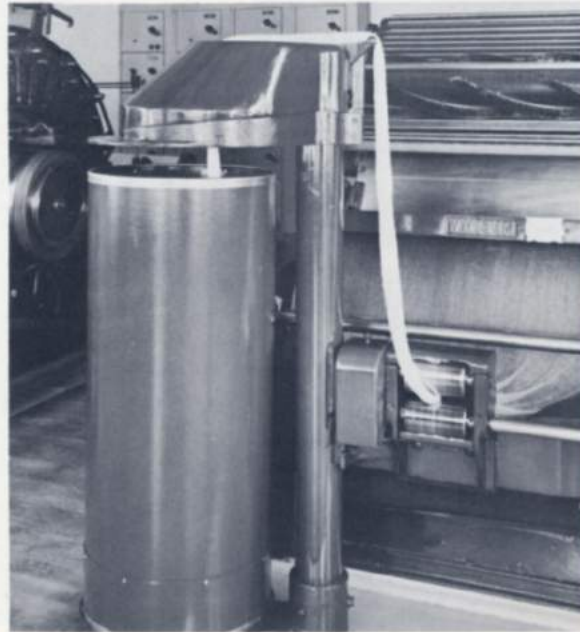
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Above: This top view shows the definite pattern which the sliver forms as it is coiled in the can. Good sliver such as this has little variation in weight and thickness



Left: This photograph shows the sliver as it appears in the can after the carding operation



The cotton is now in sliver form. This eighteen by forty-two inch can, holding about thirty-five pounds of sliver, is the largest used by Whitin for cards

FROM LAP TO SLIVER

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The speed at which the fibers are travelling is increased a thousand times by the lickering and doubled again when the fibers reach the surface of the Card cylinder. (Fibers carried on the surface of a slowly moving cylinder are transferred to the surface of a faster moving cylinder when the contacting air streams surrounding the two cylinders are properly directed.)

The Card cylinder surface is in effect a giant brush, for it is covered with several million short needle-like wires. These wires are bent at a particular angle and have ground points. The cotton is brushed between the wires on the Card cylinder and similar wires on the slowly moving revolving flats. The flats, in addition to assisting in the separation of fibers, also perform a minor cleaning operation.

The points of the wires on the flats and the points of the wires on the cylinder are only a few thousandths of an inch apart. Between these points the tufts of cotton are pulled apart until each fiber is separate from the other fibers. This is the most complete fiber separating action there is in cotton manufacturing.

The final action on the Card takes place between the main cylinder and the doffer cylinder, where, because of the shape and arrangement of the projecting wires on both the cylinder and doffer, and because of the

diversion of the air stream on the cylinder, the fibers transfer from a rapidly moving surface to a much slower moving surface. An oscillating steel comb removes the fibers from the doffer cylinder in the form of a web.

The slowly moving doffer has condensed the fibers from the Card cylinder twenty or thirty times, yet the remaining card web is still so thin that one can easily see through it. At this stage the fibers are not straight but lie every which way. The web is one of the wonders of textile manufacturing.

The web is drawn by calender rolls through a trumpet. This condenses the web into a sliver which holds its shape by the interlacing of the fibers.

The sliver is a continuous untwisted strand of cotton fibers, whose density is measured in grains per yard. This cotton has been thinned out or attenuated in the carding process; for example, the cotton in a 55 grains per yard sliver produced from 15 ounce per yard lap has by weight been drawn out 113.3 times! This sliver is coiled into a large can in such a manner that it can be removed from the can for further processing without losing its shape.

Whitin is one of the principal American builders of Cards for the cotton industry. The Card of today is the result of more than two centuries of development both in this country and Europe. Our competition therefore is from foreign firms as well as domestic, with certain English Cards, for instance, having a world-wide reputation through the many English colonial countries.

CAUTION—

Litterbugs AT WORK

LITTERBUGS come in two sexes, male and female, and may be of any age. They may be found in any locality—office, shop, yards, parks, streets, or highways. It is easy to detect where they have been for they leave a trail of rubbish behind them: paper cups, newspapers, bottles, gum wrappers, apple cores, tin cans and paper tissues! You don't have to look far to find one of these items scattered carelessly where it shouldn't be.

The work of a litterbug can be harmful not only to himself but to others. His activities are a menace to public health in that refuse attracts flies and rodents which may carry disease. Too, littering not only defaces property but also endangers our lives. A pile of trash may be the cause of a serious fire, a bottle or banana peel thrown carelessly on the floor or street may result in a serious accident.

Furthermore, litterbugs waste an enormous amount of the taxpayer's money. It costs \$50,000,000 of your money to clean primary highways alone; in Yellowstone National Park it runs to \$400 a day.

Every time a person throws paper or cigarette butts or any other litter around, either inside the plant or outside, that person by that act advertises the low quality of his or her citizenship.



The track of the litterbug is marked by the trash he leaves behind him. Instead of using the bright red barrel on the left in which to place their refuse several employees used a fiber barrel which was next to it. When the fiber barrel was needed for another purpose a litterbug emptied the rubbish on the floor instead of into the proper barrel. Such carelessness is inexcusable

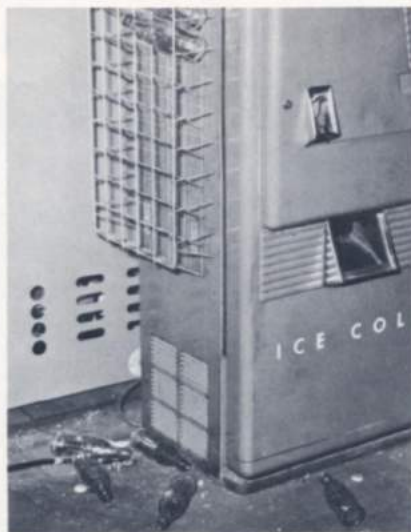
Litterbugs (continued)



Some litterbugs are too neat to mess up the floor, so they heave their garbage into the tote boxes. It is not unusual for a tote box to be as much as a quarter full of accumulated trash. When you have something to discard, put it in the red trash barrels

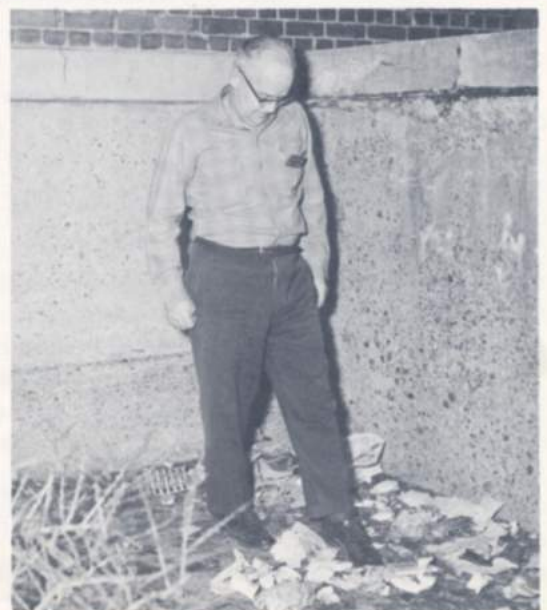


Some litterbugs, who may have been influenced by basketball, specialize in heaving garbage into light fixtures, vent fans, on top of lockers, and other high places. Here's an excelsior box but look at the top of it. A litterbug has been here before us, making unnecessary work for the cleanup crew



While the situation has improved markedly, an empty coke bottle furnishes an irresistible temptation to a confirmed litterbug. Coke bottles are found every day on window sills, on machines, under benches and at the foot of coke machines. Prevent accidents by returning the bottles to the racks provided for that purpose

It is too much to expect that littering will stop overnight. But it can begin to decrease once the average individual takes the attitude, "This is my business," and starts doing his part to keep our plant, our town, and our country clean.



Right: Litterbugs are not confined to the indoors, but many of them love to get out in the wide open spaces. Litterbugs don't care where they throw their trash. Mike Marker and his staff are continually picking up trash like this mess which was found over the wall near the main entrance to the gym



KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

LOST AND FOUND

Will the owner of the Whitin Service Pin, lost and recently found in the Boston area, please report to the Personnel Department for a replacement of such pin which has been greatly damaged.

Two Whitin Men Promoted

Two Whitin Machine Works employees who received promotions recently are Charles Commons, 320 Church Street, Whitinsville, who has been appointed Assistant Architectural Engineer and Gilbert Hoyt, 19 Woodland Street, Whitinsville, appointed Foreman of the Printing Press Assembly Department.

Charles Commons, who studied civil engineering at the University of Rhode Island from 1930 to 1934, is in his twentieth year with Whitin. Prior to his present appointment, he was a foreman in the Maintenance Department. He is active in community affairs for, in addition to membership in several professional societies, he is a highway commissioner, chairman of the Northbridge Playground and Recreation Commission, and a lieutenant colonel assigned to the 1036th United States Army Reserve School in

Worcester. He is a member of Granite Lodge AF & AM, and of Jeffrey L. Vail Post #111, American Legion. Charles and Mrs. Commons, the former Jennie Buma of Whitinsville, were married in the United Presbyterian Church on November 2, 1940. Their daughter Sandra is fourteen years old.

Gilbert Hoyt was appointed Foreman of the Printing Press Department, December 30th. Prior to his employment at Whitin, he was a foreman at American Type Founders, Elizabeth, N. J. He came to Whitin to instruct employees in the erection of printing presses. He is a graduate of the Henry Snyder High School, Jersey City, N. J. He and Mrs. Hoyt, the former Eleanor Busa, were married in 1942. They and their four daughters—12 year old Barbara, 11 year old Jeanne, 7 year old Joanne, and 5 year old Theresa, now reside at 19 Woodland Street.

Foreman Retires

James Spence, Foreman of the Comber Erecting Department at the Whitin Machine Works, retired on January 3 after working for Whitin continuously since April 12, 1912. Born in Belfast, Ireland, Mr. Spence came to this country in 1906. He originally started with Whitin in 1908, but his service was interrupted for a two year period. Upon his return in 1912, he was assigned to machine erecting and was appointed Assistant Foreman of the Comber Erecting Department in 1918. He held this position until 1937 at which time he became Foreman of the Department. He and Mrs. Spence live on Main Street in West Upton where he indulges in his hobby of gardening. They have a son, Gordon L. Spence, who is head of the Wage Standard Department at Whitin; and also two daughters.



Charles Commons promoted



Gilbert Hoyt made Foreman



Foreman James Spence retires



Shown with the Whitin Spinning Frame in the Efrd Department Store are Mr. Hearne Swink, Vice-President of Cannon Mills, and in the foreground, Mr. Harvey Moore, President of Brown Manufacturing Company

Whitin Machine Featured in Salute to Industry

The latest model Whitin Spinning Frame was featured as part of an extensive promotional program conducted by the Efrd Department Store in Charlotte, North Carolina in January. The promotion took the form of a salute to the textile industry and was a store-wide, full scale operation involving the cooperation of eighteen other textile machinery manufacturers.

The Whitin Spinning Frame was in operation actually producing yarn with an operator supplied by one of the nearby mills.

The Efrd Department Store is a member of the Belk-Efrd Chain which has scores of similar stores all over the South.

The promotion aroused a good deal of civic and industrial attention, and it was featured on television and radio as well as through the Charlotte press and trade magazines.

TIN SHOP, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin and
Pete Paddock

Henry Laviemodierre of the Paint Job, a very active young man, is our personality of the month. Born in Woonsocket, Henry has lived there all his life, residing now on Mendon Street. He attended the parochial and public schools in Woonsocket and is a decorated veteran of World War II. He served in the infantry in the European theater and is the proud possessor of five battle stars. He was a truck driver and a butcher before coming to Whitin in 1948. He has worked on the Box Job, on the Comber Job, and is now a permanent member of the Paint Job. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Young Men's Democrat Club of

Rhode Island, Woonsocket Friendly Club and the Franco-Belge Club. He is fond of square dancing and lists among his hobbies gardening, swimming, and fishing. Sports wise, he likes hockey and is a Red Sox fan. Henry was married to the former Margaret Richards in Woonsocket on September 6, 1942. They have a son Henry Jr., age ten, and a daughter Suzanne, age eight. Anyone attending the Woonsocket Mardi Gras each year can find Henry on one of the floats.

The winter's first snow brought us a couple of interesting highlights. Bob Campo was trying out his new toboggan with his wife Arlene and two nephews at the Douglas golf course when he hit a soft spot in the snow and capsized. Result, a torn ligament in Bob's knee that will sideline him for three weeks. . . . While most were reluctant to do much traveling after the

first snow, Eddie and Betty Horan took a trip to New Hampshire to watch the action on the ski trails. . . . Ross Rajotte may not be a member of the Brownies but he sure qualified on New Year's day, taking an unexpected swim in the Blackstone River. . . . Henry Pandolfi and family are contemplating a change in residence from Albion to Woonsocket. . . . Norman Baker's new hobby is raising sheep. . . . George Dumais, an ardent fisherman, is enjoying his favorite sport of ice fishing. . . . Best wishes to Mrs. Phil Dion who is a patient at St. Vincent Hospital. . . . Cliff Boutiette, Tin Shop planner, is on a six-week tour of jury duty at the Boston session. Bill Healey is holding the fort for Cliff. . . . We send our best regards to Jack Healey who is out at this time and wish him a speedy return to health.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING, AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

The cards from some of our retired men, who we had thought of as basking in the sun, indicate that this year the weather in Florida during January is about the same as the weather here. . . . We hear from the Water Department that the water content of that fifteen inches of wet snow was 2.45 inches, the equivalent of twenty-five inches of dry snow.

Albert Bowyer received his 30-year pin from President J. Hugh Bolton, E. O. Pierson, J. H. Cunningham, and Bob Wilson. Albert has worked here since November 27, 1927, and learned the erection of Wool Frames under the tutelage of Ben Scott. With the exception of a four-month period in Department 411, all of his time has been on the erecting floors. Albert and Mrs. Bowyer own the house in which they live at 25 Fairlawn Street. Their daughter, Hilda DeBoer, has presented them with five grandchildren. Albert enjoys his grandchildren, fishing, watching sports, and can hardly wait for spring so that he can work in his garden again.

George Nichols, looking like his old self, has returned from a long sojourn at the Memorial Hospital. . . . Francis Coffey, Wool Erecting, moved into his new home in Milford in time to spend the holidays there. . . . Ed Baker is disappointed in that he did not receive that alarm clock for Christmas. . . . At this writing, Foreman Ernest Pickup of Department 433 is in St. Vincent Hospital. . . . Wedding anniversaries were observed by the following men and their wives: January—William Beaudoin, James Strachan, and Arthur Taylor. . . . Birthdays: January—Jacob Haringa, Joe Gauvin, and Sidney DeJong. . . . In the near future, several 10-year pins should be given out.

Recently Herman Haringa received his 10-year pin from Mr. Robert Wilson. It was more than a decade ago that he first began work here, for, prior to entering the dairy business in the Williams Hill section,

he worked on the erecting floors for six years. Troubled by an allergy, after twenty years he turned the dairy over to his son Roger, who now operates it, and ten years ago returned to the erecting floors. At the house which Herman and Mrs. Haringa recently purchased at 430 Main Street they enjoy their specialty of raising gladioli and dahlias. They are members of the Christian Reformed Church and Herman also is an active member of the Whitin Home Garden Club.

CUTTING-OFF JOB

by Irene Mombourquette and June Boisvert

This month many happy returns go to Sylvia and Arthur Lemire on their twenty-third anniversary. They were married on February 23, 1935, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Linwood. They are the proud parents of five children, three girls and two boys. They make their home at William Ward Street in North Uxbridge. . . . We also wish a happy birthday to June Boisvert, Ernest Lemire and Janet Harding, who is at present in Production. . . . Ralph and Helen Aspinwall enjoyed the Boat Show in New York in January. Now Ralph's one ambition is to own a boat of his own. (What would life be without our dreams?)

Here is our opinion of our New England winters. At this writing we have been snowed in. We slipped and slewed driving to and from work, skidded in ditches, shoveled ourselves and also others out and pushed cars that were stuck on ice or in a ditch. Still most of us arrived safely by driving slowly, having snow-tread tires and chains when we needed them. Don't give up folks! Spring is on the way.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

The men on Charlie Hoekstra's department thought that Roland "Hymphrey" Fontaine, Tool Job stock dispenser, had flipped his lid when they heard him yelling, "I'll get you yet, you son of a gun," especially when he was alone. Later they discovered a rat had eaten half of Hymphrey's lunch. . . . Raymond Jorritsma is building a new home on Hill Street near Shaw's Corner. At present he doesn't know when it will be finished. . . . As we go to press, Francis Cody, grinder, is laid up with injuries received when a ladder he was on fell from a tree. . . . Frank Calzone of the office gang is recuperating after recent surgery. . . . George Moran, tool and cutter inspector, has returned from doing jury duty. . . . Herten Heerdts has bought a 1958 Chevrolet.

The new man on maintenance is John Pate. John lives in Pascoag with his wife, three daughters, and a son. He came to the Tool Job from the Foundry repair crew. . . . Donald Kilcline, our time-

keeper, has been transferred to the Arcade Division. Bruce Davidson, a local boy, is taking Don's place. . . . If you are planning a party and are looking for an excellent man for the decorating committee, we would highly recommend Fred Cowburn for the job. We have heard from a reliable source that Fred is good at decorating.

TOP ROLL

by George H. Bond

The department has welcomed back Eleanor Kurzu, Herman Houle, Noel Prefontaine, and William "Smiley" Laforce. . . . Our newcomers are Mary Goyette and Mabel Coleman. . . . Marion Isabelle of Inspection has returned

to us from a leave of absence. . . . During the first snow storm of the year, a woman driver pushed in the right front fender of Roger Goulet's car. . . . Joe "Cider" Bouthilette got a chocolate milk shower when Charley Attleworth shook an open milk container. . . . Bill Laforce claims that he would be bitterly disappointed if Woonsocket ever resurfaced the cobblestone road by which he finds his way from home to work. The road is a landmark. . . . The girls of the department held a Christmas party at the Embassy in Woonsocket on December 19. About thirty enjoyed the chicken dinner. Gifts were exchanged. Arrangements for the affair were made by Mrs. Marion Hutcheson. . . . My thanks to Esther Stewart and Lucien Bergeron for assisting me with this month's column.

International Students Visit Research

A group of international students participated in the Anglican Christmas Fellowship for International Students at Lasell House in Whitinsville December 26th to December 30th. The group was entertained by Episcopal Church groups in Worcester and in Whitinsville. Among the places visited in Whitinsville was the Research Division of the Whitin Machine Works. Many of the students come from countries vitally interested in the production of textiles, and expressed a keen appreciation of the opportunity to see American textile machinery in operation. Included in the group were students from Ceylon, India, Sierra Leone, England and Nigeria. The group was under the guidance of Rev. Harry H. Jones and Mrs. H. R. Currie of Lasell House staff, assisted by Rev. F. Lee Richards of Trinity Church.



First row, from the left: Manager of Lasell House Mrs. Hugh Currie, Ruby Navaratingsingam of Ceylon, Secretary for Overseas Students of the Episcopal Church Mrs. Susie Migotti, and Shahla Anand of India; second row—the Reverend T. V. Phillippose of India, Lorenzo Nylander of Sierra Leone, Wilfred Tarbet of England, the Reverend Isaac Akintemi of Nigeria, and George Varghese of India; third row—Robert Hargreaves of the United States, Wadi' Z. Haddad of Jordan, the Reverend F. Lee Richards of Whitinsville, and A. Edwards of Nigeria; fourth row—Robin T. Manning of England, the Reverend Harry H. Jones of Whitinsville, and Herbert Thomas of Nigeria



MYSTERY PHOTO. Our three little maids on the left are Dorothy VanderSchaaf Turner, Dorothy Aldrich Shaughnessy, and Anne Westra Ashworth. Recognize the man on the right? The uniform is that of the Royal Scots, the time was 1916, and the photographer was from Perth



PICKERS, WINDERS AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

by Roger J. Brissette

Flying for the first time, Mrs. Dick Porter enjoyed her round trip to Miami, Florida. She was there for a few days and enjoyed the scenery both on the ground and from the air. She now is all for flying as a method of travel. . . . Albert Vallee was shocked when he plugged in the radio he bought from Buster Bromwell. Said Al, "The warhoop I gave and the dance I did when the current surged from my fingers to my toes would have put an Indian brave to shame." . . . Thoughtlessly, Frank "Professor" Kasper scraped his car's inspection sticker off and replaced it with his 1958 registry sticker. In the cold gray dawn it required a kettle of hot water, a few choice words, and another inspection sticker to get his car on the highways again. . . . With our gang working a staggered four-day week, our theme song is "We are just passing strangers now." . . . We hear that those who celebrated the coming of the new year enjoyed themselves. . . . I'm keeping a collection of the humorous postcards sent me by Bob Cotnoir who is our Dave Garraway. . . . Walking into the Plant after the sleet and rainstorm, John Sulyma stepped into a water-filled gutter. His wet clothing dried on the steampipes that day. . . . While some greet signs of snow with scowls, in William O'Brien's eyes the dollar signs shine, for Obi owns a truck and snow plow.

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Right now the big excitement is the giving away of cash prizes by the Boston papers to those whose Social Security numbers appear in their papers. So far, two of the boys have missed out by only two numbers.

No one is discouraged—the contest will be running a few more weeks. . . . After two weeks of hectic housekeeping and my miserable cooking, this reporter is happy to have her mother home, well, and back at the helm of the kitchen range. . . . This reporter, with Marion Doble, enjoyed the December 28 performance of the Ice Capades, and an overnight stay at Hotel Gardner on Massachusetts Avenue. . . . February birthday greetings go to Gene Gervais and Al Blanchette. . . . The sounding of the no-school alarm will be a sore spot for Al Kopolka for a long time to come. After the big snowstorm, most of the department trudged in by 8:30, but Al didn't show up at all due to confusion with no-school alarms and announcements by other plants that there would be no work. . . . Another casualty of the snowstorm was Al Blanchette's television antenna. He's looking for a set of rabbit ears to carry him through until spring.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Our personality this month is that quiet reserved man, Alton T. White, who was born April 11, 1901, in East Douglas. In 1905 his family moved to Uxbridge where he attended the local schools and was a member of the high school graduating class of 1919. His first job was in a grocery store where he worked sixty-five hours a week for two years. Going to Providence as a collector for a furniture store, he then became a salesman and worked up to a private investigator. He married Lillie E. Johnson of Uxbridge in Boston on January 28, 1924. In 1931 he took a job as a private chauffeur for a retired business man. He held this position for eleven years. In 1942 he came to work for Whitin as a guard. After the war he was transferred to Production as an expeditor. In 1947 Alton came to the Traffic Department

where he has been ever since. He has several hobbies for he manages to keep busy with his place on 48 High Street, Uxbridge, keeps a few hens, has a small collection of stamps, coins, and metal horses, loves to travel, fish, hunt, ride horseback and golf. The last three he plans on giving up. Mr. and Mrs. White attend the Methodist church in Uxbridge.

Congratulations to Albert Pouliot and Damien Richard who received their 30-year pins from Mr. Bolton. . . . Best wishes to Normand Hamelin who enlisted for three years in the Air Force. . . . Good luck to Russell Brañan who has been transferred to Repair Sales. . . . New faces around the department are those of Nancy MacIntyre and Priscilla Draper. Welcome to the fold. . . . A surprise birthday party was given to Rita Turcotte during a noon lunch hour. . . . Celebrating birthdays this month are Marguerite Thayer, Rene Picard and John McQuade. . . . Having an anniversary are Mr. and Mrs. William Van Ness, Sr. Best wishes.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

We have one lone birthday celebrant in February, Raymond E. Fullerton, our estimable foreman. Happy birthday, Ray. . . . Anniversaries galore to be celebrated, namely: the Julien Massons, the William Taylors, the David Richardsons, the Arthur Stohlombs, and the Robert Shaws. Congratulations to all.

Our most recent visitors in the observer's role were Alan Kelliher and Normand Vadenais, both Foundry apprentices. Dino Vetri has left us again to spend some time in the Foundry as part of his apprentice training. . . . Albert John's smiling countenance is with us again after several weeks' sojourn in the Core Room for the same purpose. . . . While we are on the subject of apprentices, we can't forget Leon Bruno who has recently swapped his 1930 Model A Ford Sedan for a 1930 Model A Ford Coupe, both gleaming black jobs. We're not quite clear as to the reason but it has been duly noted that of late he has been arriving much earlier, the fact that he has been walking to work notwithstanding. Possible he is skiing in from Upper Pine Street. . . . Another completely irrelevant observation is that those who arrived here from distant parts on the recent snowy days arrived much earlier than those living only a few miles or even blocks away.

We understand the Christmas party held by the girls on the floor at the Embassy Club in Woonsocket was a huge success on December 19. Maria Donatelli was our only representative but we'll try to be there in full force next time. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edward Plante have been delayed in moving into their new home in Manchaug. They positively should be in by the time this issue is off the press.

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SHEET METAL, MAINTENANCE OFFICE AND WOODWORKING

by Frank Visgatis

We welcome two new members to the Sheet Metal Department, A. Labrecque and Ray Malley. . . . Henry Zajac was seen licking his wounds after a skiing attempt on the crusted snow in Upton. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Howe have moved to Whitinsville. Ronnie formerly resided in Hopkinton. He is employed as a clerk in Department 666. . . . James Chiras, Foreman of Department 661, has a son Richard stationed at the Coast Guard Weather and Life Boat Station located in Scituate, Mass. . . . Ed Vadenais was seen one stormy morning driving through deep snow in Woonsocket picking up stranded Whitinsville employees, an act well appreciated and certainly deserving a "thank you." . . . The Maintenance Benefit Club elected new officers for the ensuing year. Those elected to the Board of Directors were Anna Black, Sophie Smith, W. C. Commons and E. Simmons. Sophie Smith will act in the capacity of secretary-treasurer. . . . Cyril Griffiths and family have moved to Uxbridge from Millville. Cyril is employed in the Sheet Metal Department and formerly worked in Department 405. . . . Birthday greetings are extended this month to W. C. Commons. . . . The writer requests cooperation in compiling future columns. Only by submitting reports of activities is he able to keep the column alive. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

LINWOOD DIVISION

by Louise Sohigian

Department 451: We wish a speedy recovery to Emile Roy who is in the hospital and also to Aldea Peterson who is home on sick leave. . . . We were sorry to hear about the misfortune of Myrtle Cronan who fell. We hope this finds her well on the mend. . . . Birthday candles were lit this month for Hannah Frieswyk, Myrtle Cronan, Evelyn Farrar, and Russell Melanson. Many happy returns.

GRINDER JOB

by Ellen Holt

In our inspection area, Diana Malo and Beatrice Winchell were excited, surprised, and pleased to receive their 15-year pins from Everett Murch. . . . Emma Philbrook, at Christmas season, felt that Santa Claus also should give service pins to his veteran assistants. . . . Our new timekeeper is Demos Bartzokis from Greece. . . . Louis Martin has left us to enter the Navy. . . . Arthur Potvin is back at work after a honeymoon in New York with Mrs. Potvin. . . . During Gordon Anderson's week of vacation, Bill Markarian filled in. . . . Herman Picard has gone to Canada on personal business, as you will note in the wedding announce-

ments. We knew that there was romance in the air. . . . Birthday greetings to James Sheehan, Henry Nejadlik, Walter Sokolowski, Stanley Rodominek, Eddie Ryan, Bill Cadieux, Walter Needham, Arthur Gauvin, and Archie Jacobs. . . . Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barney, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Berube, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fagnant, Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Beadles, and to Emma Philbrook and her husband.

MILLWRIGHTS, PLANT LAYOUT, AND INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION

by Ernest R. Henry, Jr.

First off, it's a Happy New Year to one and all. . . . Another year has fallen off, but 1958 seems to be just a little more space minded than any year of the past, and for a very good reason, competition. The United States has been challenged to a race into outer space, and it's our concern and our duty to help our country by putting our faith and our confidence in our leaders, both political and industrial. . . . News from Department 458 is a little on the weak side, but it's news anyway. The Millwrights held their annual Christmas dinner at the NV Cafe in North Uxbridge. A good time was had by all and an excellent meal was enjoyed by everyone. For those who had to return to work after the dinner, it was a sad affair, but, for those who were not working, it was a day to remember. . . . News

from these departments is a little slow in coming in. Perhaps the next edition will have more news of recent happenings.

Our personality of the month is Joseph A. Roy of Internal Transportation. Joseph was born in St. Philemon, P.Q., Canada on November 15, 1885. He entered the United States in 1919 and returned to Canada in 1921. After remaining in Canada for six more years, Joseph decided that the United States had more to offer him, so he decided to return to the United States in 1927. Joseph started working for the Whitin Machine Works in October of 1927 and has worked here ever since. His first job was in the Packing Department. In 1930 Joe was transferred to Department 414 until February of 1931, at which time he started working in Department 458 as a millwright. Joe worked as a millwright for fourteen years, until 1945, when he went to work in Department 430. In 1949 he started working in Department 407 as an elevator operator and has held that job ever since. Joe was married in 1915 to Miss Maria LaBriea in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Roy have five children, all of whom have worked in the Whitin Machine Works. Four of the five children still work here. They have eight grandchildren. Joe and family reside at 14 West Water Street, Whitinsville. Joe's hobbies are woodworking and baseball. His woodworking, at which he is highly experienced, is done mostly with hand tools. He enjoys watching TV. Of course his favorite on TV is baseball and, of course, his favorite baseball team is the Red Sox. Who else?

This giant cross of more than seven hundred paper carnations was part of the holiday decorations at the Taft Memorial Methodist Church, Uxbridge. It was made from Kleenex tissues in forty-eight working hours by the eighteen boys and girls of the Youth Fellowship under the direction of Ernest Henry, Jr., SPINDLE reporter from Department 458. The hand-painted center was red and the border green





Romeo Suprenant, of Department 416 and Pascoag, worked as a Santa Claus in a New York department store on the two week ends before Christmas

Joe recently received his 30-year pin from Mr. Bolton, Mr. Pierson and Mr. Cunningham with Mr. Dunford and Mr. Hammond in attendance at the presentation. Congratulations, Joe, and lots of luck and happiness for a happy and healthful future.

RING JOB

by Joseph Witek and Robert E. Balcome

It is said that no news is good news, however, in this case no news is bad news. Except for ice fishing and hunting, there seems little your reporters can find to write about. Our depleted personnel is of little help in this respect. We still have our news makers who seem never to deviate from their standards. Bowling, new teeth, new cars and getting stuck in the snow all day or part of a day, all are newsy when they happen, but a month after are not news. That is why some items given to us are not printed because their news value lessens with time.

Roland Morel and Norman King have birthday greetings coming to them this month. . . . We hope as you read this that Alphonse Turgeon, minus one appendix, is back with us again. . . . Our best wishes go with Joe Thibault who was transferred to another department. . . . Our good friend and elevator operator, George Gray, is in the hospital. We hope he will be back with us soon. . . . Current problem—getting to work on time amid deep snow and icy roads. Drive carefully.

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Armand Vermette, our personality for this month, has worked here for the past twenty-two years. Prior to coming here on December 8, 1936, he was employed as a truck driver for Damos Couture of Linwood. He had previously worked for Guertin Construction Company for about

six months and for the Linwood Cotton Mills for four years. Armand was born in Quebec, Canada, and came to the States at the age of seven. He has been a resident of Linwood, where he received his schooling, since 1923. He started at Whitin on the Bolster Job where he worked for three and a half years before being transferred to Department 416. He was married on October 5, 1945, to the former Laura Lemire of Linwood. At the present time they make their home on Union Street in Linwood. They have one daughter, Linda, who is seven. Armand is a World War II veteran who served with the amphibious engineers in the South Pacific. He is a lover of all sports who, when he has the opportunity, likes to get in a lot of hunting or fishing.

We are glad to see Rosario Vermette back at work after his visit to St. Vincent Hospital. Other recent patients at the above hospital were Anthony DiCillo and Edward Murray. Leo Lemelin is a patient at Memorial Hospital at this writing. We hope that they will have speedy recoveries and be back with us soon. . . . Frank Rutana had a little extra excitement over the Christmas holidays. His Christmas tree suddenly toppled over and his



The inspectors assigned to Department 416, together with husbands, wives, and friends, held a Christmas party at the Beverly Club, Bellingham, on December 9

television set insisted on blacking out every time there was a sudden noise on the program. He since has had the set repaired but is still trying to figure out why his tree capsized. . . . Anyone planning a fishing or motor trip can get an accurate prediction on what to expect weather-wise by calling Albert Potvin, who was the recipient of a barometer for Christmas. . . . Many happy returns of the day to the following who observed wedding anniversaries this month: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Plouffe, their 34th on February 22; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jalette, their 16th on February 7; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lyford, their 12th on February 16; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Poyer their 10th on February 7; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brissette, their 10th on February 25; and to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bruyere, their 5th on February 14. . . . The morning after our first big snowstorm long will be remembered by Bizar Hagopian. Bizar heard her neighbor warming up his car and decided it was time to leave for work. She arrived at the shop an hour early.

STEEL FABRICATION

by Frank Milton Crossland

Once again your roving reporter brings news to you. First of all, birthday wishes to Thomas "Tonto" Pottie and Rene F. Rock, Sr. Tonto received a new Indian costume from Chief White Rock of Halifax, Nova Scotia. He has promised to demonstrate the colorful costume at our next outdoor barbecue. . . . We welcome these newcomers to the department: John P. Wojcik and Lester R. Wilcox to the day shift; Edmund R. St. Onge, Truman H. Pierce and John N. Dunphe to the night shift. . . . Speaking of the New Year, how many have kept their resolutions so far? I have kept quite a number of mine up to now. . . . The Christmas dinner at the Club Embassy went over very well. Forty-four turned out for the gala occasion. Your reporter played a couple of songs on the piano for the guests. . . . John "Red" Kortecamp has joined Arthur Murray's dance studios to prepare himself for our next department get-together. We are glad to hear this news. . . . The department temporarily lost the service of Ovila St. Germain due to an accident on the job. The boys hope that Ovila, fully recovered, soon will be back to work. . . . Herman Hathaway is sporting a 1955 Chevrolet now. The Plymouth was demolished in an accident. . . . Valentine's day is not too far away, so don't forget the ladies on that day.

The personality for the month of February is Reno Pigalargi of Milford, who was born on July 26, 1923. Reno graduated from Milford High School. He married the former Evelyn LaVoie on September 24, 1950, in St. Stephen's Church, Framingham. The Pigalargi's have three children: Donna Marie, age five; Reno, age three; and Debora, age one. Mr. Pigalargi likes to bowl, skate, and swim. He plays the Spanish guitar a little and carries a tune as well. Reno commenced work for Whitin in February, 1957, as a welder in Department 432. He is a quiet person.



Reno H. Pigalargi, Department 432 personality, relaxes on the steps of his home in Milford

DEPARTMENT 411

by Jerry Biron

Our personality this month is Adelard "Del" Boulanger of the night shift. Del was born January 14, 1929, in Linwood and is now residing at 104 School Street in the same town. After finishing school at Northbridge High, he first started to work for the Paul Whitin Manufacturing Company in Rockdale. Time came to serve Uncle Sam, so Del joined the Navy. In his four years in the service he was stationed on Saipan in the Marianas Islands for nineteen months with his brother Bernard, formerly of Department 429. From there they were transferred to the U. S. S. *Sitkoh Bay* for eighteen months, going from California to Japan and Korea. While in Saigon, French Indo-China, he was a French interpreter for the ship's captain. From there he went to ferrying LSSL's to Japan, acting as assistant engineer with a crew of seventeen men. After being discharged from the Navy, Del married Miss Mary Taylor, formerly of Nova Scotia. They have one daughter, Brenda Ann. For relaxation Del plays the electric guitar with a trio known as the 3 D's, consisting of Denny DuQuesngy and Albert Marchant of Department 422. For a hobby he likes to take color movies of the family and of the different places they visit. We certainly wish him our best.

GEAR JOB

by Stan Frodyma

It certainly is nice to see Judith Collins' kind face about the department once again after her short illness. . . . Fred Erickson bought his wife a huge cocker spaniel as a Christmas present. He'll be getting home earlier nights now from sporting events, or be barked right out of his house. . . . The two new men in our department are



Joseph Roy, Internal Transportation personality of the month, enjoys woodworking as his hobby. He recently observed his fortieth wedding anniversary

Wilfrid Biron of Woonsocket, and Joseph Thibault of Whitinsville. . . . Hector Gauthier, supervisor of #15 Storesroom received a gift from his co-workers. Other Christmas gifts were handed out to crib personnel. We thank Michael and Stan for that marvelous Christmas tree. It stood five and a half feet, had four branches, and two twigs. . . . Birthday greetings to Dick Walling of Inspection. . . . Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Mooradian, their 39th; and to Madeline Dean of #15 Storesroom and her husband. . . . John Meager's hobby is watching the Red Sox beat the Yankees two out of three games at the Fenway or at the Stadium. He also loves to watch professional football on TV.

FLYER JOB AND INSPECTION OFFICE

by Bernard A. Roddy and Lorna Abramek

We are sorry to hear that Joseph Berkowicz is ill and is in St. Vincent Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be back in the shop with us soon.



Adelard Boulanger, Department 411 personality, is shown with his wife Mary and daughter Brenda Ann

. . . . Birthday congratulations from the Flyer Job to Archie Ledue in December; Malcomb Sweeney and T. Grzych in January; Peter Kurek, Joseph Bourdon, D. Corron and Dean Perkins in February. . . . We all enjoyed a very fine Christmas party on December 20. Our thanks to Eva Labrecque and Isabella Ferguson who really did a fine job. The cakes and cookies sent in by Mrs. Dean Perkins, Mrs. Archie Ledue and Mrs. Roddy were enjoyed by all. Presents were exchanged and an enjoyable noon hour spent. We hope we will all be together as one happy family for many years to come. Dean Perkins and Bernard Roddy wish to thank all the men and women for the presents. . . . Thomas Eccleston and his wife celebrated their forty-third wedding anniversary at the Abner Wheeler in Framingham. Attending the party were their daughter and son-in-law and three grandchildren. . . . Mrs. Isabella Ferguson spent Christmas day with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Metcalf of Providence. . . . Eva Labrecque



Thomas Wharton is the grandson of Thomas Eccleston of the Flyer Job

and her husband spent Christmas at a family reunion of the Labrecque's at the home of Mrs. Alfred Labrecque of Linwood. . . . Robert Lataille, an apprentice, is spending a few weeks in this department learning lathe and grinding work. . . . We all look to 1958 as a banner year for safety in and out of this department. . . . Robert Balcome, Inspection Supervisor, Department 437, made a visit to the Portsmouth Navy Yard in New Hampshire, where he was a guest of his son-in-law, a lieutenant commander in the submarine service. Bob went aboard the "Swordfish," an atomic-powered submarine now under construction. Bob found the visit most interesting and fascinating; his only complaint was that the submarine was so low that he had to wear a steel helmet to protect his head as he went from one compartment to another. . . . On December 19, the Inspection Office went to Aunt Mary's Riverside A.C. for a Christmas luncheon party. . . . Birthday greetings in January go to J. Camille Peloquin and in February to Bernard Wiersma, Philip Peirce and Robert Craig. . . . February brings wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Abramek, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Camille Peloquin.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

After forty-six years Jim Spence, Foreman of Department 445, retired. His department presented him with gifts and a purse and the Benefit Club presented him with a check. We wish Jim good health and happiness in his new life of leisure in Upton, where he recently moved. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mateer spent a week in Philadelphia with their children. Hugh nearly got snowed in out there but we think he brought it back with him. When Hugh

returned he apparently brought with him the big storm which deposited fifteen inches. . . . Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Valente and birthday wishes to Lucien Blouin.

We welcome Ken Prior as a new member of Department 445. Ken was a former roadman. . . . We have a new apprentice, Bill Cook, a former Uxbridge resident, in the department. . . . The only person around with a very smug look on his face is Bob Hopkins, our foreman. He says his snow blower works just fine. . . . Poor Ralph Smith! His tractor equipped with a snowplow broke down just before the storm. He didn't enjoy hand shoveling. . . . We close with this thought—may all our future storms be little ones.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Beatrice Gauthier

Birthday wishes this month to Jackie Lemire, Helen Cotter, Florence Perry and Cal Hubbard. Anniversary congratulations to Thad and Helen Fronczak, their 12th. . . . We welcome Albert Dreniak to the Cost Department. He comes to us from Department 411 where he was a time clerk. Albert is working for Cleve Reynolds' Twister Group.

The annual election of officers of the Friendship Fund was held the first week of January and the following people were elected to a one-year term: Margaret Crosby, Chairman; Beatrice Gauthier, Secretary-Treasurer; Mildred Amiro, Paul Larossee and Allan Baldwin, Board of Directors. At this time we would like to

show appreciation to Eve Lundberg for the fine job she did during the four years she held the post of Secretary-Treasurer. Our thanks to Eve from every member of the Friendship Fund.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Aram Sisoian

Good news starts off the column this month. Our Research Division volleyball team has won the first half in the Community Gym League. They have not lost a single match. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope they win the second half.

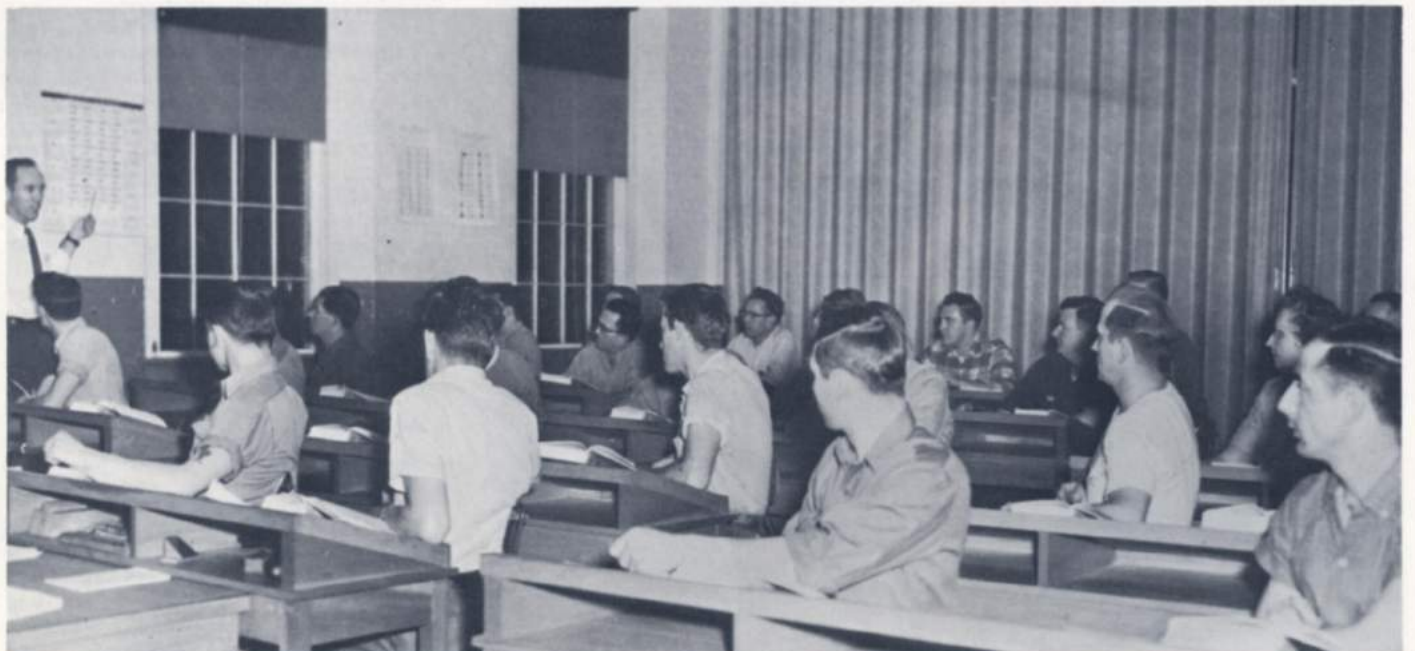
Birthdays are being celebrated this month by Peter Strang, Ray Cabana, Chic Blakely, Myron Boyko and "Little Max" Strzelewicz. I know everyone joins me in wishing each and all a very happy birthday. . . . The Ross Newtons and Maynard Krulls are observing their anniversaries this month. To each we wish many more. . . . We all hope that Pete Regas is doing well at the hospital. He has been ill for four months. . . . This month the department has had its share of illness with Bea Cant, Herman Haagsma and Beverly Rykosky being out sick. The latter took sick the day before Christmas and had to spend the holiday in a hospital. While Bev is out, our receptionist is Marie Roorda. We hope that Marie will enjoy her new environment. . . . On the lighter side or maybe we should classify this as the heavier side, Mr. Helland moved into a new home. Bonnie Banasik also made a move. We hope neither of them strained their backs. It wasn't ideal moving weather.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Marilyn Blair

Our personality of the month is John Romasco, or as he is more commonly called, "The Yankee Clipper," who was born in North Uxbridge and has spent most of his life between there and Whitinsville. Educated in the public schools of Uxbridge, he was active in sports and the musical activities at the schools. Following graduation from high school, the call of the open road was too great and, after auditioning for a vocalist's position with Charles Barnet's orchestra, he was accepted. After spending five years with the music business, he decided he would like to come home and try his hand at the Whitin Machine Works where he began work on the Roll Job in September of 1937. He was connected with that department until February of 1940, when he was transferred to the Wage Standards Department. He is married to the former Eleanor Frabotta of Uxbridge and Madison, Maine. There are five children in the family: Jacquelyne, age 16; Beverly, age 13; John, Jr., age 9; Frances, age 7; and Eleanor, age 5. They recently purchased their home on Forest Street. Hobbies: loves the New York Yankees! All sports as well. Received a tape recorder for Christmas and expects to play it as much as possible. A lover of music, he is director of the Male Choir at St. Patrick's Church and is a member of Mumford Council Knights of Columbus. Loves to play at the game of bridge.

After eleven years, Lee Watson has left us to seek other employment at his adopted home in Florida. I am sure that anyone who has had anything to do with Lee in



The manufacturing of new products under Whitin's diversification program has created opportunities for advancement for many employees. In order to assist employees of Departments 422, 427, and 489 to prepare themselves for more highly skilled jobs, the Whitin Machine Works, on company time, is training over 100 men and women in blueprint reading and shop mathematics. The class is divided into two sections which will meet for hour-and-a-half sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays. The course will extend over a fifteen-week period

those years will admit that it has been a pleasant association. All members of Wage Standards attended a dinner at Aunt Mary's, where Lee was presented a gift by Lynn Richardson. . . . Congratulations to John Strachan and Herb Lindblom who were presented 30 and 20 year pins respectively. . . . Birthday greetings to Phil Kozak and Walter Lanagan.

Milton Cohen had his eyes opened early one snowy morning. The street he lives on in Worcester was a "forgotten street" as far as snow removal was concerned. Therefore, Milton left his car on the next street. When he arrived at the place he had left his car there was no car there. After checking with the Police Department and the snow removal crews, the car was reported as stolen. Saturday, while in a friend's car, he passed a parking lot and found his car three miles from home.

REPAIR SALES DIVISION

by Carol Corron

First of all, birthday wishes to Lucille Buma, Ann Wiersma, Helen Tatro, and Charles Noble. . . . I guess I am the only one celebrating an anniversary this month. . . . There have been a lot of changes made in our department this month. First of all, Charlie Pearson is working at a new job although he can still be found at the same desk here in our office. He has now started work on the advertising of repair parts. He will prepare technical bulletins to be of assistance to the repair parts salesmen. He will assist in the preparation of advertising and direct mail literature on these items. Although he has taken on this new job, he will continue to take care of the correspondence with customers in regard to Winder work. All analytical work will now be done by Master List. . . . We put out the welcome mat for Russell Braman and Cecile Small. Russell was formerly of the Freight House office and Cecile is an alumna of Production. . . . We hate to say good-bye to familiar faces. Warren Campbell is leaving us and moving to Defense Contract directly under Harry Drinkwater. "Soup," as we all know him by, has been with us since February, 1956. He was assistant co-ordinator in the Foreign Department. Although Soup has only been with us less than two years, he has made many friends here and will be missed by all. Russell Braman is his replacement. . . . Another familiar face to all who is leaving is Rose Kalonas. Rose has been with us since 1935. She has accepted a position in Worcester. Her job here was order posting clerk. We wish her lots of luck and happiness in her new job. Alice DerTorosian is replacing Rose. Alice has been working for the Fayscott Section of our department. Up to the present time, no one has been appointed for Alice's previous job. . . . Chet Walker, another well-known and well-liked fellow, also is leaving us. Chet has been here since 1945 and has been liaison man between Master

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Whitin Machine Works
Whitinsville, Mass.


Attn: Mr. J. H. Bolton, Sr. - President

Dear Mr. Bolton:

Again it becomes my pleasure to notify you that the Northbridge Agencies Drive for funds was a huge success.

The fine support and contributions of the Whitin Machine Works Employees really put the Drive over, and, each person who contributed should be proud to be a part of this very worthwhile community effort.

On behalf of the Northbridge Agencies, Inc. Officers and Board of Directors, together with the nine participating agencies, I wish to extend our thanks for a job well done!

Yours truly,

F. O. Rizer
President

List and Repair Sales. In speaking for myself, I know how much Chet will be missed. There were times when I just couldn't find the right words for something in the SPINDLE column and Chet always came to my rescue. Chet has accepted a job with the *Worcester Telegram*. This is something Chet is really qualified for and enjoys, so he can't help but make good. His replacement is Cecile Small. Talking about Chet's ability for his new job, writing for the *Telegram*, I would like to give you all a chance to read the speech Chet gave at a recent party held for him at the Klondike Inn. It went as follows:

FUGITIVE FROM COPY DESK NABBED

Worcester: Reverberations were widespread today in this teeming city when it was learned that Chet Walker, long-sought fugitive from a copy desk, had

been found hiding behind a small desk in a southern Worcester County textile machinery plant.

Reactions here were swift and varied. Restaurateurs in the cafe belt began boarding up their windows. Stephen Demoorgian, artist extraordinaire, sulked all day in his room. Eustace Oboe dusted off Bench 13 on the Common to welcome his erstwhile companion. . . . Panhandlers, Inc., rejoiced at the return of their former benefactor. . . . Man on the street, when told by the inquiring reporter that Chet Walker was coming back, replied "Who the heck is Chet Walker?" "I don't know," said the reporter, "but he's coming back anyway."

Now for a few more changes here in the office. Ann Wiersma is leaving her key

punch machine in the annex of our department to take up her full time in the IBM pricing and parts location section. . . . Peggy Thompson will take over Ann's position. Peggy has been a typist here since 1955. At the present time no replacement for Peggy has been assigned. . . . Well I must say I can't complain about not having any news this month!

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

by Bob English

Machine Accounting: Apologies to Anita Belanger for not acknowledging her return to the second shift. . . . Birthday greetings in February to Nancy Porter. . . . The NMAA meeting of the Worcester Chapter was held January 15 at Nick's Bar and Grill, West Boylston Street, Worcester. Mr. Ralph E. Butt of the Burroughs Corporation was the principal speaker. His subject, "The Evaluation of Small, Medium and Intermediate Computers." Those who attended were Howard Cook, Bob Courchene, and Frank Widor. . . . We welcome the return of Nancy Trainor from her leave of absence. . . . Bob Courchene is taking a course in business administration at the Hubbard School of Business, Pawtucket.

Payroll Computation: Birthday greetings in February to George Woodward.

Statements: Joanie Shugrue has been hospitalized at St. Vincent, Worcester. We hope to have her back real soon. Joe O'Rourke of the Cost Department has been transferred to this division in her absence. . . . Birthday greetings in February to Cathy Reeves and Bertha Bernier.

Timekeeping: Ralph Levesque, Department 404, received his 10-year service pin from supervisor F. Merwin Brown. . . . Al Drewniak, Department 411, has transferred to the Cost Department. Don Kiline, Department 454, has assumed his duties. . . . We welcome Bruce Davidson of Whitinsville to Department 454, and Bob Lemire, also of Whitinsville, to Department 448. . . . Rollie Beaudoin, formerly of Department 448, has transferred to Department 426. . . . Birthday greetings in February to F. Merwin Brown.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and
Tad Wallace

It is with much pleasure that we have Eddie Rice as our personality this month. He was born in Worcester but moved to Whitinsville in 1929 when his father, Ed Rice, Sr., brought a diner with him from Worcester and established himself in business on Church Street about where the Worcester Suburban and Lee Jewelry Com-

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BOY SCOUT WEEK in 1958 fell between February 7 and 13. This is the **FORTY-EIGHTH** anniversary of scouting. There are now four million, five hundred thousand Scout members in the United States.

pany are now located. Many people will recall that this was perhaps one of the better known and patronized diners, or lunch carts, in the area—particularly well known for the pies which were served there. Back to our Eddie now. After he had completed his third year in high school, he entered the La Salette Seminary in Hartford and spent three years in preparation for the priesthood. However, this goal was not to be realized, so Eddie came back to Whitinsville and in 1935 came to Whitin and learned to be a grinder hand on the Spindle Job. He later transferred to the Production Department and has been here about sixteen years. Currently he is expediting spinning. Eddie has many interests. Next to his wife, the former Shirley M. Lauzon of Woonsocket, his daughters, Kathy, age eight, and Linda, age seven, and his new home on Hartford Avenue in North Uxbridge, his chief interest seems to be amateur radio. A licensed operator of station WIMCL, he operates on ten, six, and forty meter bands generally. In this field, his activity and pursuits are numerous. He takes pride in the fact that he had an opportunity during hurricanes and the most recent tornado disaster in Worcester to render a definite service to the stricken areas with his radio. (We made mention of this in a prior SPINDLE.) Although Ed resides in North Uxbridge, he is still the Civilian Defense radio officer for the town of Northbridge. The people of this town may well feel that this important position is filled by a capable person, Eddie Rice, a fellow employee whom it has been a pleasure to write about.

We sincerely hope that by the time you read this issue, Blanche Fullerton will be fully recovered from her recent surgery and will be back on the job again. Her wonderful sense of humor, her spirit of cooperation and willingness to always lend a helping hand are valuable assets to our office. . . . Ruth Valentine has left the Production Department to take a position in Repair Sales. Ruth's replacement is Julie Glode, formerly of Department 406. Other changes in personnel have seen Alfreda Michalik transferring to the Foreign Sales Division in the Main Office and her duties in the Subcontract Section taken over by Jeanine Carpentier. Much luck and happiness to each of them in their new endeavors.

Our sincere apologies to the ATF and Duplicator groups for failing to make mention of a Christmas party these groups

had during the noon hour on December 24. Those who attended this party were Pat DiSalvo, Lorraine Brochu, Roy Swanson, Frank Mancini, Bill O'Connor, Ray Young, Don Gauthier and Stan Ziembra. This group was served a tasty dinner (spaghetti, no less) by Pat DiSalvo. Lorraine made the dessert. (We strongly suspect that Pat's mother had quite a bit to do with making the spaghetti.) After dinner, the group exchanged gifts and everyone had fun. Maybe next year, one or both of your correspondents will be invited so that a more complete account can be given. . . . Word from the Material Requirements section has it that Ray Kucharski has swapped his Chevrolet for a later vintage Ford. Ray says he will have to put the Ford through some severe tests before he can state completely that he has made a good move. Ray always referred to his late Chevrolet as "Old Dependable."

ENGINEERING AND MASTER LIST DEPARTMENTS

by Jack Ratcliffe and
Louis Lucier

We open our column this month with belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Felix Yongsma who celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on January 9. . . . The door of welcome has been thrown open to David Burgess, formerly of Inspection, who commenced working in Master List on January 6 and to Eileen Forsythe who joined the Drafting Room forces on January 13, coming to us from Spindle Experimental. . . . We bid goodbye to Ruth Duffy and Fernand Bouchard of the Drafting Room and to Herbert Andrews of Duplicator. Ruth is leaving us to take up domestic duties, and Ferdie has been transferred to Duplicator. Herbie is leaving the employ of W.M.W. Our best wishes go with all three. . . . The Master List Christmas party was held during noon hour on December 24 in the Printing Section of the department. There was plenty of food and gifts were exchanged. Congratulations are in order for the ladies of the department for the fine job they did in making this party a success. . . . After the big snowstorm, "Needles" Les Benton became a sliding casualty. Les was coasting with his son when he broke through the crust of the snow, resulting in a well scraped and scratched face. . . . If anyone has any arguments to settle, it looks as if this department could act as mediator as Angela Zanchetti of Master List and John Thompson of the Drafting Room return from their tour of jury duty.

Our personalities of the month are Mrs. Celia Beaudreau and Octave Leblanc. Celia was born in Whitinsville and attended Northbridge High. She has been employed in the Drafting Room for the past nine years: six of these as blueprint girl and the last three as supervisor of the blueprint section. In 1952 Hector Beaudreau took Celia as his bride. They now live in Fisher-

ville where Hector is the owner of the Independent Appliance Service. Mrs. Beaudreau enjoys helping her husband in building their new home, and, in the not too distant future, will be leaving us to pursue domestic duties.

Octave Leblanc, better known as Patty White, lives on Harvard Street in North Uxbridge. Patty is married and has two daughters: Claire, who lives in Clearwater, Florida, with her golf pro husband, and Irene, who works in the office at 406. Irene's husband is an IBM man for Goodrich Rubber in Watertown, Massachusetts. Three grandchildren keep Octave busy when he visits them. As a Repair Order Analyst, Patty is an authority on spinning, twister, quiller, reel and spooler repair parts, having a total of 47 years' service in the Whitin Machine Works: thirty-three in Department 429 and fourteen in Master List. Mr. and Mrs. White own their own home and love to take trips. Patty likes gardening and all major sports, and hopes to make his home in Florida upon his retirement.

Albert O. Roy received his 25-year pin from President J. Hugh Bolton and Mr. Hargeaves on January 15.



To Nicholas DeHaas, Department 434, and Mary DeHaas, a son, Gary Wayne, weight 8 lbs. 5 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on December 22.

To Leo Gauthier, Traffic Department, and Mrs. Gauthier, a daughter, Kathryn Mary, at St. Vincent Hospital, on December 31.

To Joseph Brooks, Tool Job, and Mrs. Brooks, a son, Joseph Harvey III, weight 8 lbs. 4 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on January 2.

To Robert Pariseau, Department 451, and Mrs. Pariseau, a daughter, Kathi, on December 31.

To Robert Courtemanche, Duplicator, and Mrs. Courtemanche, the former Pat Benjamin, their second daughter, Susan Mary, weight 7 lbs. 9 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on December 13.

To Carl Jones and Joan MacFarlane Jones, formerly of Department 462, Machine Accounting, a daughter, at The Memorial Hospital on January 2.

To Paul Trinqué, Department 462, Machine Accounting, and Mrs. Trinqué, a

daughter, weight 7 lbs. 5 oz., at Woonsocket Hospital on January 12.

To Robert Lamarche, Department 411, and Mrs. Lamarche, a daughter, Beverly Robin, on October 23.

To William Porter, Department 411, and Mrs. Porter, a daughter, Cheryl Elaine, weight 6 lbs. 8 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on December 22.

To Joseph Cencak, Department 411, and Mrs. Cencak, a daughter, Joy Ann, weight 7 lbs. 4 oz., at St. Vincent Hospital on December 11.

To Keith Kilbreath, Whitin erector, and Helen Crothers Kilbreath, a daughter, Pamela Ruth, at Whitinsville Hospital on November 9.



Arthur Potvin, Department 426, and Pauline Doris Masse were married in St. Joseph's Church, Pawtucket, on November 23.

Herman Picard, Department 426, and Simone Richard of Canada recently were married in Quebec.

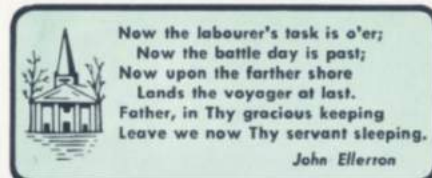
The engagement of Lorraine Brousseau of Department 666 to George E. Jannery has been announced. The wedding is planned for July 19, 1958.

The engagement of Marcia Sanderson, Department 422, to John Hanson, U. S. Air Force, was announced on December 26. Marcia is the daughter of John Sanderson, *Review* editor, and Mrs. Sanderson of 5 Sunset Drive. John is the son of Roland Hanson, Assistant Foundry Superintendent, and Mrs. Hanson of 11 Forest Street.

The engagement of Florence Bileau to Roger Lauziere has been announced. They will be married in St. Anne's Church, Manchaug, on April 12.

William Lucier and Doris Chenette were married in Holy Name of Jesus Church, Worcester, on December 28. They will live on Grafton Road, Fisherville.

The engagement of Janice Ruth Brouwer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Brouwer of 179 East Street, to John W. Hendricks of Cleveland, Ohio, has been announced. Mr. Hendricks is employed by the Republic Steel Corporation.



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

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

Stanley Witek of Engineering and Joe Witek on their recent loss of a daughter and niece respectively.

Family and friends of Mrs. Ruth L. Magill, 50, of 20 Forest Street, Whitinsville, a Whitin employee who died in The Memorial Hospital, Worcester, on December 28.

Relatives and friends of Josiah C. Woodward, 75, of 41 Grafton Street, Millbury, who died in his home on December 27. He was for twenty-two years a machinist here prior to his retirement ten years ago.

Friends and survivors of Frank P. Libbey of Hopkinton Street, Upton, who died in his home on January 1. A former salesman and milk farmer, he was a member of Plant Security.

Friends and family of Alfred E. Tebeau, 60, of 3 Grove Street, Whitinsville, a Whitin employee who died at St. Vincent Hospital on January 8.

Friends of Louis S. Carr, 75, retired machinist, who died at the Claffin Rest Home, Milford, on January 3. A former resident of Duval Road, Manchaug, he leaves no immediate relatives.

Family and friends of Leon W. Fletcher, 66, of 126 Hartford Avenue, North Uxbridge, who died in Whitinsville Hospital on December 17. For twenty years a Whitin employee, he was noted as a gun handling instructor.

George Woodward, Department 462 (Payroll Computation), on the death of his father in Millbury on December 27.

Survivors and friends of Peter Boutiette who died in St. Vincent Hospital on January 11.

Thomas Kiczak, Department 416, on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rose Hamel, in her home on December 21.

Roland Spooner, Department 416, on the death of his mother, Mrs. George Spooner, in Whitinsville Hospital on December 21.

Joseph Gregory, Traffic Department, upon the death of his brother.

Albert Dion, Tool Job, on the death of his father.

Peter Baker, Department 425, on the death of Mrs. Baker.

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