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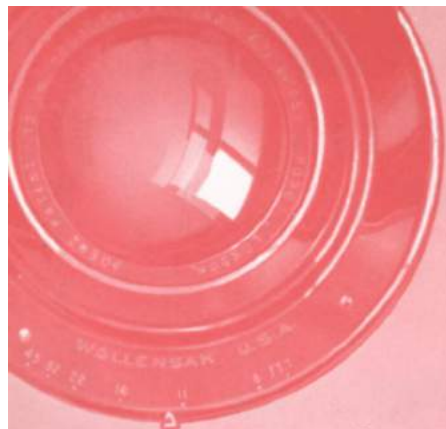


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Whitin



Familiar Faces

Around the Plant



William Galeshaw, Pattern Storage, built the house in which he lives on Providence Road. He has been with Whitin since 1934. He and Mary have five grandchildren



Julien T. Masson, Wood Pattern Shop, lives in Woonsocket and has been with Whitin since 1941. His hobby is gardening. He and Mrs. Masson have two sons, Richard and Dennis



Olive Pendleton, clerk-typist in the Purchase-Inspection Office, lives in Uxbridge with her daughter and two sons. In the summer she enjoys swimming and in winter she sews



Elaine Dupre, secretary in the Research Division, lives at 3 Maple Court, Linwood. She enjoys playing both modern and classical music on the piano and dancing



Joseph A. Roy, Cast Iron Room, has been here since 1936. He and Julie have a daughter and live at 24 Fletcher Street, Whitinsville. He enjoys watching sporting events on TV



Steven Germanian, a ladle pusher in the Foundry, has been with the Whitin Machine Works since 1933. He was born in Armenia in 1894, lives in the Blue Eagle and is single



Bart Sughrue, Metal Pattern Shop, and Mrs. Sughrue have five sons and two daughters. Bart, who lives in Whitinsville, has been with the Whitin Machine Works since 1940

Shaping

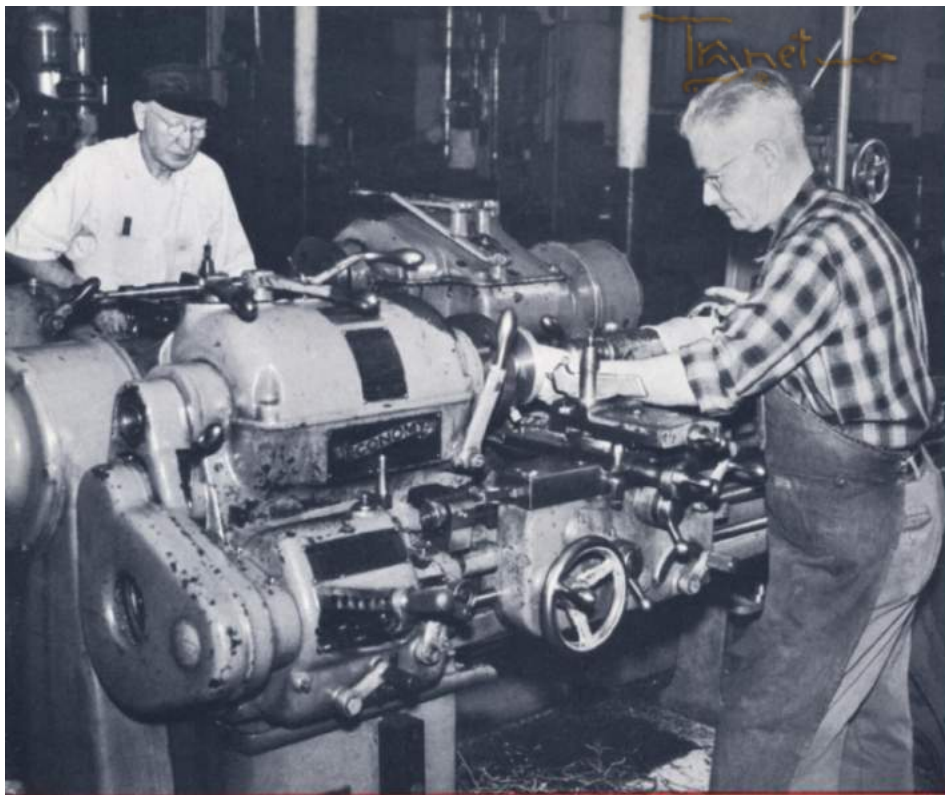
the things to come

THE FAME OF GREAT INVENTORS—Whitney, Hargreaves, Fulton, Edison, and others—is widely known. Almost unknown are the men behind the scenes, the mechanics who made it possible for these inventors to give shape to their brilliant ideas. These are the men who converted drawings and sketches into tangible machinery parts. John C. Whitin himself, inventor of the Whitin Picker, relied on such a man—master mechanic Benjamin Innis.

Even in a changing world this relationship between inventor and mechanic remains the same. Today, in our own expanded Research Engineering Division, designers and engineers are formulating new ideas in large numbers—on paper. It is at this point that the indispensable assistance of Department 572—Experimental Construction Department—is called into play. Here dreams and plans are transformed from paper into the actual component parts of new machines or new assemblies.

Albion Meservey, left, and Joseph Limanek, of the Experimental Construction Department, are shown setting up and adjusting the new Sliver Lap on the exhibition floor. The main function of their department is to build prototypes of all new Whitin machines





An experimental machinist is of necessity a versatile man who must be able to use a wide variety of machines in producing the part called for by the designer. In the lathe section Albert Benson, left, and Roland Graves, aided in their work by years of experience, hold first-run parts to close tolerances

An experimental machinist has a challenging job because he has to start with a sketch or a print and carry a part through every stage of manufacture. Raymond Cabana is about to weld an experimental part for a Picker



SHAPING *the things to come* (cont.)

The major task of this Experimental Construction Department is to build prototypes of new Whittin machines, developments, or attachments. It is located on the third floor of the Research Division in an area restricted to authorized personnel. The work here is of a confidential nature, for these men are building and testing today the type of machines we will be manufacturing for sale tomorrow.

It was here that they assembled the first full size models of such machines as the J5 Comber, Model M Drawing Frame, Model A Roto-Drafter, Axi-Flo, Axi-Feed, and Piedmont Spinning Frame. To successfully complete these important projects these skilled men had to work in close cooperation with the designers and engineers.

Department 572 serves several additional functions. One of these is the maintenance of the exhibition machinery in the building. Another is the building of some special equipment for testing textiles. Moreover, because of the variety of work, the department is particularly valuable for training apprentices.

The craftsmen of this department must have the necessary skills to do almost anything with metal. Starting from a simple sketch or from a complicated drawing, a first class experimental machinist must be

able to do all the work of completely machining a complicated experimental part. In making this first-run material, he must be able to set up and operate lathes, millers, shapers, precision boring machines, cylindrical grinders, surface grinders and drills. In this precise work the machinist uses verniers, micrometers, and calipers. He also must be able to grind his own tool bits and drills.

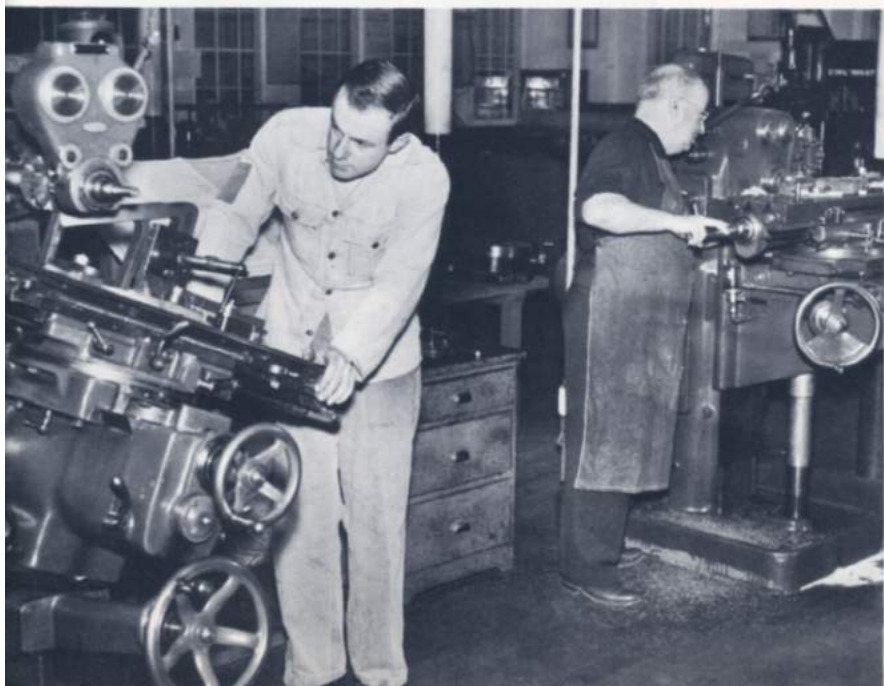
Seventeen men are assigned to the department. These include a foreman, a supervisor, a number of experimental machinists, two expeditors, two apprentices, and a planner. The department also has at hand the serv-

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Louis Rutana, left, and Raymond Mooradian on precision grinding

Again close tolerance work is called for as apprentice James Colton, left, and Ernest Goyette mill parts for a new machine



Kenneth Stanley adjusts the pick motion on a Piedmont Spinning Frame. Such maintenance of the exhibition machinery in the Research Division is one of the secondary functions of the department

SHAPING

the things to come

(cont.)

Because of the great variety of work in this department it is particularly suitable for training apprentices. Supervisor Thaddeus Minior, left, instructs apprentice Jack Lapham in the use of a vertical milling and boring machine



ices of a metallurgical engineer. These men work in a completely equipped machine shop with its own heat treating, welding, and inspection facilities.

Experimental construction is supervised by Foreman Maynard J. Krull, who as a Whitin apprentice toolmaker spent most of his time in this department. After World War II service in Air Force combat crews, he broadened his background in mechanics by working as a tool designer at Mathews Manufacturing Company. He returned to Whitin as assistant foreman of the department in 1947, and was promoted to foreman in 1951. He is assisted by Supervisor Thaddeus Minior.

Senior employees in this department include Raymond Mooradian, 29 years; Roland Graves, 28 years; Albert Benson, 23 years; and Ernest Goyette, 22 years.



Above: Experimental Machining is concerned with such details as the hardness of cross sections in parts as small as a needle. The Tukon Tester being used by Arthur Jackman, metallurgical engineer, is so exact that fourteen separate readings can be made in the thickness of a razor blade



Left: The men who make sure that the necessary parts for new machines arrive at the Research Division on time are expeditors Ronald Blakely, left, and Hugh R. Currie, Jr.

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Whitin Personality

FREE ENTERPRISE AND YOU

We have all heard about free enterprise. What does it mean to you?

“Free” means not subject to some particular authority or obligation.

“Enterprise” means an undertaking, especially one which involves activity, courage, energy, or the like; an important or daring project; a venture.

Together they mean that you are free to compete with the other fellow as an equal.

It means that your ability and individual initiative are the only limits to the height of your success.

It means that the rewards of your hard work and thrift belong to you.

It means that your welfare depends primarily upon your own ability, industry and thrift—your enterprise.

In short, “free enterprise” means that we always recognized the fact that this nation’s growth rests primarily on the foundation of individual freedom.

“IT WAS IN 1924 that I was shipwrecked,” said Al Blanchette, Foreman of the Box Job. “The *USS Tacoma* was steaming up to Vera Cruz when she hit a submerged reef just before a hurricane blew up. We lost the Captain and the radiomen; the *Tacoma* hit the bottom; most of the crew were picked up by a Mexican ship and carried to the beach. I was one of them.”

Al was still a young man when he had his naval adventures. He was born Alphege Blanchette on A Street, Whitinsville, on February 1, 1905. While he was still a small child, his parents moved to Uxbridge where Al attended school. For two years he worked for a building contractor, then in 1923 enlisted for a six-year hitch in the Navy. He served with the Special Service Squadron patrolling tropical waters out of Panama. In 1926 he spent eleven months patrolling Nicaraguan shores during the rebellion and finished his tour on destroyers with the Atlantic Fleet. He left the Navy when he decided to marry, but his son, Henry A. Blanchette, is making a career in the service.

Al started his employment at Whitin on July 12, 1929, and has worked in several woodwork departments. He was made Assistant Foreman of the Box Making Department on September 14, 1945; and Foreman on January 3, 1948. He and Mrs. Blanchette, the former Leah Lalanne of Albion, R. I., were married on October 14, 1930, and now live at 1 Grove Street, Whitinsville. Their son Henry A. and their daughter-in-law Della Jones Blanchette have presented them with a grandson and a granddaughter.

For the past fifteen years Al’s chief interest outside of his work and his family has been the Auxiliary Police which he has captained for the past four years. Al is an expert pistol shot, likes hunting and fishing, and does cabinetmaking and wood turning in his home workshop. He likes sports and particularly enjoys watching football games.

FRONT COVER: The main function of the Experimental Construction Department in the Research Division is to build the prototypes of all new Whitin machines. Foreman Maynard Krull and Planner William Linkow discuss the machining of a part for a new machine. An article on the work of this department starts on page 3.

Safety

is no accident



At the banquet, on behalf of the Company, First Vice President E. Kent Swift, Jr., received a citation awarded by the American Policyholder's Insurance Company. This citation was in recognition of outstanding achievement in the field of highway accident prevention from January 1, 1954 to January 1, 1958. On the following day Mr. Swift presented the citation to the drivers in the shop garage. Pictured with Mr. Swift and Foreman Prendergast are some of the drivers who were present: Lester Wallace, Leon Todd, John McNelly, Jr., Archie Bolivar, William Brouillette, Arthur Pellerin, Rene Remillard, and Ovilla Vallee



From the fruit cocktail to the chicken pie, both the food and the service were excellent

THREE HUNDRED EMPLOYEES associated with the Whitin safety program listened with interest as speakers at the Annual Safety Banquet in November discussed ways and means by which Whitin's accident frequency and severity rates, already below national averages, might be lowered still further.

Among Company officials speaking in support of the safety program were E. Kent Swift, E. Kent Swift, Jr., Erik O. Pierson, J. H. Cunningham, Hamilton Thornquist and James C. Rankine, Director of Safety. President J. Hugh Bolton, who was away on business, sent his regrets that he was unable to be present.

The speakers stressed the value of the Whitin safety program and asked for the continued cooperation of all employees. They asked that all hazards be reported as soon as they were noticed. Lastly, the speakers asked all present to continue their program of training employees in safe work practices.

Representing the Paige Foundation, Mr. McCully congratulated Whitin on its outstanding safety record. He felt that this record was due largely to management's concern with the welfare of the employee. "At Whitin," he said, "safety is built into every job."

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Some of the 300 Whitin employees who attended the annual Safety Banquet held in the Whitin Cafeteria on November 13

Everyone was particularly interested in the remarks made by First Vice-President E. Kent Swift, Jr. who spoke about the Greenville and Manchester shows. He was impressed with the quality of the machines made by both our southern and European competitors, but was pleased that the Piedmont was considered by mill representatives to be the best of all spinning frames.

He explained why, in view of the enthusiastic reception of the Piedmont, Whitin had not received a greater number of orders for the machine at this time. Mr. Swift pointed out that mill owners do not buy on impulse but buy only after long and careful deliberation. He concluded with the statement that Whitin could expect results from the shows in the coming months.

Another feature of the evening was the recognition of the outstanding record of accident-free driving achieved by Whitin motor vehicle drivers. The Company received a citation from the American Policyholder's Insurance Company. Nine Whitin drivers received safe driving certificates and pins: Archie Bolivar for thirty-one years, Lester Wallace and Arthur White for eighteen years, J. Eugene Ethier for nine years, Ralph Roberts for six years, Bernard Conlee and John McNelly for five years, Arthur Pellerin for four years, and Albert Ducharme for three years.

The program concluded with a movie on safety. This film featured the antics of Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd and the voice of Edgar Bergen.



Pictured at the banquet are some of the women who are associated with the Whitin safety program



R. J. McCONNELL

Retires at Whitin

Upon his recent retirement, Robert J. McConnell was honored by a group of plant officials and associates at the Whitinsville Golf Club on December 29. He was presented with an appropriately inscribed Revere bowl, a Polaroid Land Camera and a picture album of his close associates at Whitin. Pictured at the right is Committee Chairman John H. Bolton, Jr.

R. J. McConnell, nationally known sales executive in the textile machinery field and Vice-President in charge of sales of cotton system machinery at the Whitin Machine Works, retired from active sales work on December 31st.

Mr. McConnell will maintain an office however, and continue his association with Whitin Machine Works in the capacity of consultant to the Sales Department and to the Company's customers.

Mr. McConnell's colorful career covering half a century in the textile industry began in Biddeford, Maine where he was born. Upon completion of his schooling, he entered the employ of the York Manufacturing Company in 1907, transferring shortly thereafter to Pepperell Mills in Biddeford where he advanced to Overseer of Carding.

In 1918 he went to Naumkeag Steam Cotton Mills in Salem, Massachusetts as boss carder and advanced from that position to assistant superintendent and later on in 1930 to superintendent. At that time Naumkeag Mills was the largest spinning mill in the world under one roof, with over 163,000 spindles in operation.

Mr. McConnell joined the Whitin Machine Works organization in 1935 and was placed in charge of cotton mill service. His thorough knowledge of mill operation stood him in good stead, and he was soon advanced into the Machinery Sales Division, taking over the northern sales territory which included both New England and Canada. With the introduction of rayon

and other synthetics, he found himself spending more and more time in the research and development areas and was largely instrumental in the successful launching of the American System machinery as we know it today. In 1944 he was made Vice-President in charge of Cotton and Spun Rayon Sales, Service, Research and Development. He is well known in textile circles and widely respected for his intimate knowledge of the industry and its problems. He has gained prominence as an after-dinner speaker at textile gatherings and has hundreds of friends and acquaintances in all levels of the industry throughout this country and Canada.

He has many association affiliations in the textile industry, being a member of the Southern New England Textile Club, a past president of the Boston Textile Club, a member of the Textile Dinner Club of Boston, a member of the Textile Committee of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the American Association of Textile Technologists. He is also an honorary member of the Carling Lake Club, composed of presidents, executive officers and past presidents of the Textile Society of Canada, Eastern Section. He also holds honorary membership in the Phi Si textile fraternity. He is a trustee of the Whitinsville Savings Bank, a member of the Whitinsville Golf Club and the Whitinsville Kiwanis Club. He is a past president of the North Shore Council Boy Scouts of America, and during his term of office won the Beaver Award and many other honors.

While Mr. McConnell has made no announcement of his plans for the future, it is known that he and Mrs. McConnell have been looking forward to spending more and more time at their summer home in Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

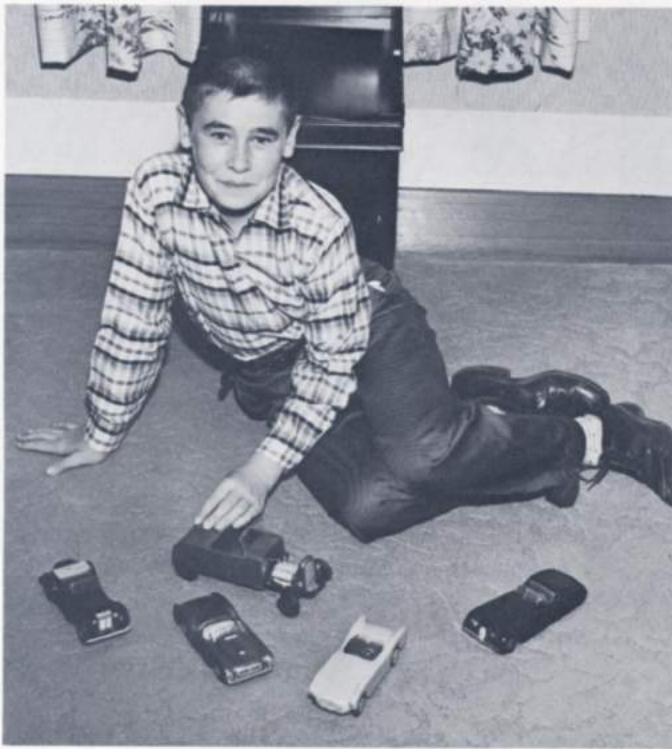
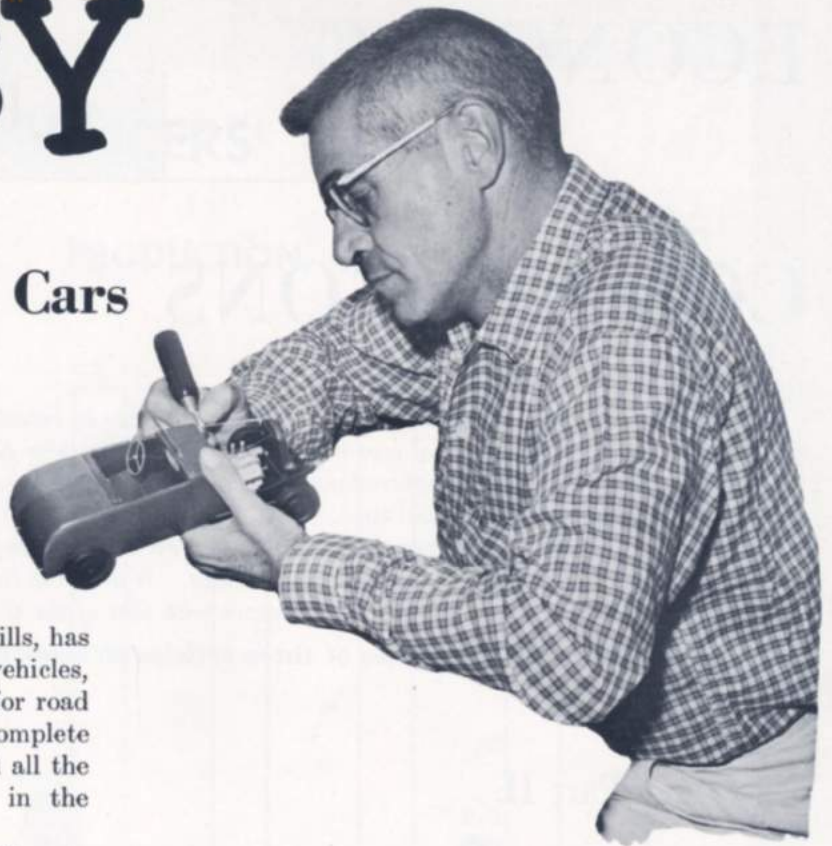
HOBBY

Carving Model Sports Cars

Using the same materials and techniques that he uses in carving sports cars, Francis Veau puts the finishing touches to a model of a 1932 Ford Model B hotrod. A hotrod is a stripped-down car with an engine reworked for increased speed and acceleration

The flashy little sports car, zipping over the hills, has become a familiar sight on our highways. These vehicles, if they are true sports cars, are also designed for road racing. However, unlike racers, these cars are complete with lights, doors, horns, windshield wipers, and all the necessary equipment which is usually found in the regular family car.

Francis Veau, Foreman of the Heat Treating Department, has made a detailed study of these sports cars.



Robert Veau, 11-year-old son of Francis, holds the completed model hotrod to contrast it with a variety of model sports cars. The sports cars, from the left, are an MG, an Austin-Healey, a Ferrari, and a Jaguar

During the summer months he attends the races where he studies the cars in action. In the winter months he carves scale models of them from balsa blocks and strips.

An average model takes Francis about twenty hours to finish, working with carving knives and sandpaper. The finished car is completed with wood filler and paint. To date Francis has made models of MG's, Jaguars, Ferraris, Mercedes-Benz and a Nash-Healey.

Strictly speaking, not all small cars are considered sports cars: the Thunderbird, Citroen, Volkswagen, and Saab, for example, are not. The true sports car, according to Francis, is an open car with a strong suspension such as the Jaguar, MG, Austin-Healey, Nash-Healey, Porsche, Ferrari, Mercedes-Benz 300SL, Aston-Martin, or Corvette. These cars are built for racing. One of their chief characteristics is that starting from a dead stop they can, in a matter of seconds, hit speeds ranging from 85 mph to 150 mph. The price of these cars varies from \$2300 to \$18,000.

The true sports car enthusiast is not a hot-rodder but a skilled and careful driver licensed for competition who also enjoys using his sports car on the open road. Some day Francis, who has driven both MG's and Jaguars, hopes to own a sports car of his own. In the meantime, he enjoys making model sports cars and believes it would prove an interesting hobby for anyone who has an interest in both sports cars and fine workmanship.

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ECONOMIC

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The American public has become increasingly conscious in recent months of the emergence of the Soviet Union as a vigorous competitor in the fields of economics and science. Premier Khrushchev has said, "We shall conquer capitalism with a high level of work and a higher standard of living." And he promised that the Soviet Union would take the lead in economic competition within a short time.

Growing concern has been expressed about the current economic capacities and future economic potentials of the Soviet system relative to our own resources and performance. Within the limits of known fact, what are the dimensions of the Soviet's economic strength and how does it compare with that of the United States?

This is the second in a series of three articles on economic comparisons.

Part II.

Basic Production

CONCENTRATION on expanding capital-goods industries, especially those supplying military needs, has been a prime objective of Soviet leaders for more than a quarter of a century. In basic materials, such as steel and cement, Soviet production in 1957 was about half that of the United States. Perhaps more significant is Russia's rate of expansion in these industries in recent years. For example, steel tonnage nearly doubled and cement tonnage nearly tripled between 1950 and 1957. Lumber output amounts to 86% of the United States total.

Production in the nonferrous metal industries in the USSR cannot be ascertained from Soviet sources. Recent exports of Soviet aluminum to Great Britain indicate that the Soviet aluminum industry has reached maturity.

Machine-tool building is the keystone in any large industrialization program. In 1956, Soviet production of power driven presses and forges, for example, was

85% of United States production. Some analysts of Soviet economic development claim that the Soviet machine-tool industry has a larger capacity than that of the United States and produces more machine tools. Despite difficulties in statistical comparison, we may be certain that the USSR does possess a fully developed machine-tool industry.

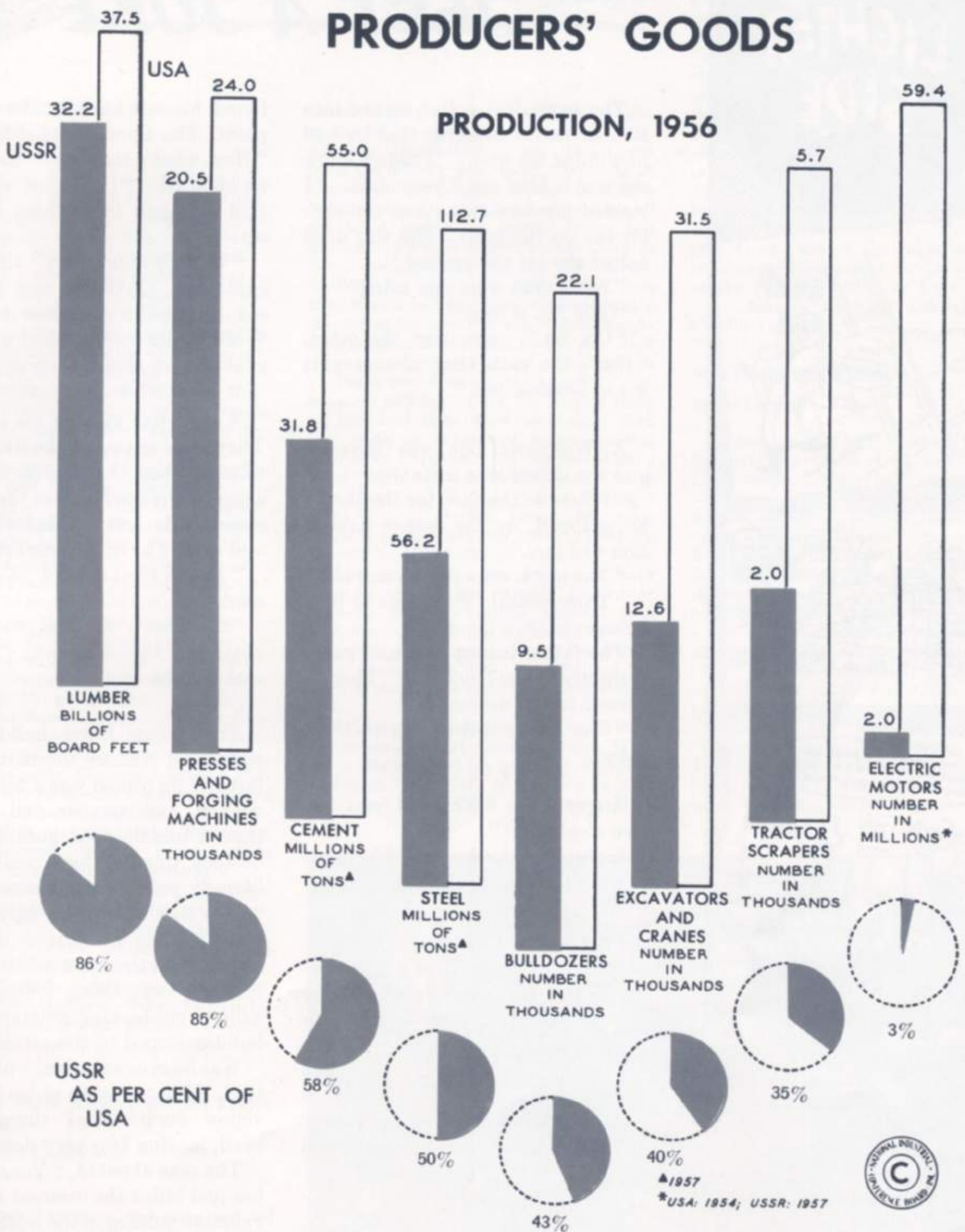
Millions of small electric motors in the United States are used for household appliances which, in Russia, are scarce. In evaluating the effectiveness of Russia's output of producers' goods, one must bear in mind that relatively little is diverted from the production of capital equipment and military hardware to consumers' durable goods.

Sources: USSR Central Statistical Board; American Iron and Steel Institute; Lumber Manufacturers Association; Bureau of Mines; Department of Commerce; Bureau of the Census; THE CONFERENCE BOARD.

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PRODUCERS' GOODS

PRODUCTION, 1956



JEST A JOKE

the LIGHTER SIDE

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL



Many people view the day of their eventual retirement from work as if it were the day of doom. . . . It can be quite a jolt, but with only a little realistic planning, your retired years can really be your "crowning years," the fruition of all the ones before.

The hysterical golfer rushed into the clubhouse shouting that he had just killed his wife. "I didn't know she was behind me," he sobbed. "I started my backswing and the club hit her on the head. She was dead before she hit the ground."

"What club were you using?"

"The No. 2 iron."

"Oh, oh," murmured the other, "that's the club that always gets me in trouble, too."

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A Worcester bus was crowded and the driver was irritable.

"Where is the fare for the boy?" he snapped, as the father handed him one fare.

"The boy is only three years old."

"Three years! Why, look at him, he's seven if he's a day."

The father leaned over and gazed earnestly at the boy's face. Then he turned to the driver.

"Can I help it if he worries?" he asked.

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Angry wife: "Why did you buy two elephants?"

Inebriated husband: "The man wouldn't break up the pair."

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Fred stopped at Tony's house to play, and by suppertime it was raining. Tony's mother got out her son's raincoat and rubbers for his little friend to wear home.

Fred appeared reluctant, and Tony's mother said, "I'm sure your mother would do as much for Tony."

"My mother," said Fred, "would ask Tony to stay for supper."

Lost on a back road in Douglas, a motorist asked the way to Whitinsville. A farmer, sitting on a fence, looked down the road and gave directions.

Half an hour later the motorist

found himself back at the starting point. The farmer was still sitting. "Hey, what's the idea?" the motorist shouted. "I did just what you told me—and look where I wound up!"

"Waal, young feller," the farmer explained, "I didn't aim to waste my time tellin' you how to get to Whitinsville until I found out if you could follow simple directions."

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A man was visiting his neighbor. They were sitting in the living room talking when the dog came in and asked if anyone has seen the evening paper. He was handed the paper and left. The friend was astonished.

"That's remarkable! A dog that reads!"

"Oh, don't let him fool you," answered the neighbor, "he only looks at the comics."

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This fellow loved bulldogs—the uglier and meaner the better. The last one he owned was a blue ribbon winner, and meaner and stronger than a middle-sized gorilla. When he took this dog for a walk he was literally pulled down the street.

One day this mean ugly bulldog was dragging his master down the street when they met a little colored boy who was being followed by a yellow cur-looking mongrel. The bulldog leaped to the attack.

Was he ever surprised—his owner, too! With one snap of his jaws, the yellow cur crushed the bulldog's head, leaving him very dead.

The man shouted, "Your mongrel has just killed the meanest and most valuable bulldog in the world. What kind of a dog is he?"

"I don't rightly know, Mister," said the little colored fellow, "but befo' I cut off his tail and painted him yellor, he wuz a alligator."



KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

DEPARTMENT 411

by Lois Heerdt

Four of the fellows recently went on a hunting trip in the Berkshires. Hank Bardol, Bill Mayberry, John Koslak and Aime Dion were the fellows that went on this expedition. Hank Bardol got himself a 180-pound buck and Aime Dion got a 160-pound doe. We understand that Bill Porter had a little luck hunting up in Maine also. These fellows come in talking about their skill, but none of us ever gets to taste any of this delicious meat! . . . Congratulations to Roland Philbrook, Reginald Bratt and William Magill on receiving their 25-year service pins. They were presented by President J. Hugh Bolton. . . . At this writing Pete Brunette is on the sick list. Sure hope he'll be back with us again soon. . . . All of us take this opportunity to wish Frank Howard the best of luck and happiness on his retirement after 32 years of service. The fellows presented a check to Frank. . . . Anyone wishing to learn how to skate should bring their skates and come up to the Arcade Division any noon hour. There is usually quite a hockey game going on at this time. Pat Martin, Jerry Levitre or Ken Hebert will be more than happy to teach anyone. . . . Happy birthday to Walter Lanagan, Stephen Jionzo, David Buma, Jacob Feddema, Donald Kileline, James Shaw, Gerard Levitre, Charles Robinson, Florence Zeroogian, Bernard Boover, Ferdinand Rossman, Adelard Boulanger, Norman Lightbown, Alexander Gray, Walter Abramek, Helen Burroughs, Irving Belanger, William Porter, Merle Macomber and David Mollleur. . . . Happy anniversaries to: Leon Atteridge, John Hutnak, Arthur Bourassa, Jacob Youngsma, Pat McCudden, Joseph Bartlett, Edmund Gerber, Roger Ladieu, Lionel Bourque, Edward Kozlowski, Robert Lamarche, Norman Lightbown, Donald Forget, Walter Abramek, Helen Burroughs, Reginald Bratt, William Porter and Barren Wallace.

FLYER JOB AND INSPECTION OFFICE

by Bernard Roddy and Lorna Abramek

Christmas has come and gone and all the boys in this department enjoyed it from all accounts. . . . Dean Perkins and wife spent Christmas with Dean's sister in Portland, Maine. . . . Joel Racicot and family spent Christmas with their son, Earl, in North Uxbridge. . . . George Vear enjoyed his dinner at home but had to work for it. He had thirteen

of his in-laws for dinner and had plenty of dishes to wash. . . . George Hamm, who was transferred to this department from the Spindle Job, spent Christmas at home with his family. George is quite a whistler and keeps us up-to-date with all the latest tunes. . . . Peter Kurek will not mind the cold nights in the future as Santa brought him and his wife electric blankets for their twin beds. . . . Bernard Roddy and wife spent Christmas with the rest of his family at their oldest daughter's home in Providence, R. I. . . . Kell Sweeney finished his hunting season without any luck and few chances to miss. The boys are still hoping for the venison steak he promised them two years ago. Kell had quite an experience lately, hunting with Kiko Departie. His dog was chasing what they thought was a raccoon but, when the dogs treed it, they found it was a monkey. . . . Archie Ledue has been out sick for the last two weeks. We hope he will be back with us soon. . . . We are happy to have Joe Berkowicz back with us again. Joe recently spent nine days in the Whitinsville Hospital with arthritis. . . . Lucien Mercure is our new clerk and planner. He was transferred from Department 416. . . . Wilfred Rivard is also a transferee from Department 422. . . . George Plitouke's son was home for two weeks at Christmas time. He is stationed at Quonset Point, R. I. . . . Happy birthday greetings to Archie Ledue in December, K. Sweeney in January, and Peter Kurek and Dean Perkins

in February. . . . Dean Perkins and Bernard Roddy thank all the boys for the nice present they received at Christmas. . . . We are starting a new year and we hope the new year will bring our safety record in 1959 as good as 1958 in which there were no lost-time accidents. . . . Congratulations and best wishes were in order in the Inspection Office a few weeks ago when Messrs. Everett Murch, Harold Wassenar, Curtis Card, Louis Roy, and Joseph Usher were presented their 25-year pins by President J. Hugh Bolton. Also present were Mr. Erik O. Pierson and Mr. John H. Cunningham. . . . Happy motoring to Harold Wassenar who was seen sporting a 1957 Chevrolet. The Friendship Fund Club of the Inspection Office enjoyed a Christmas lunch, December 24, at the Pine Room in the Uxbridge Inn. . . . January birthday greetings to J. Camille Peloquin.

METAL PATTERNS

by Al Cencak

Someone should have warned Bud Martin and Alec Clark about the Veteran's Day buzzer. They both thought they were working overtime and there was quite a bit of commotion between them until the "Star Spangle Banner" played. . . . Bud "Doc" Martin has been giving our first line of defense the old licorice cure. All the men claim it has been clearing up their colds, sinuses, and backaches. . . . Quite a few of us thought Ed Gonzales was a patternmaker apprentice at one time or other. Ed wasn't though; he is just a natural good patternmaker like the apprentices. . . . Did you notice the new Vicuna coat your reporter has, or Bill Ferland and his alligator suede shoes? . . . Tom Jedrzynski's little girl Thomasine likes his brother Bill's safety shoes. She calls them "Mickey Mouse boots." . . . On



At the Manchester Exhibition held in England from October 15-25, a throng of visitors from European and Middle Eastern countries were impressed by Whitin's Model K Spinning, Super J Comber, and Model M2 Drawing. Whitin representatives were well pleased with the reception accorded the Whitin display. Shown, from the left, are Export Sales Manager Eugene Kennedy, General European Agent Andre Manuel, British Agent A. E. Aspinall, and German Agent Eric Morvay

sack dresses, I don't know why all the tomatoes want to look like potatoes. . . . Bud Martin is shedding a little weight, for he wants to get into the Herman hole. Bud has been sending Ed Kileline in sideways. . . . When Bob Caston received his 25-year pin, Erik Pierson complimented Bob on his seniority and his plot "P" garden.

Bart Shugrue is our newest railroad tycoon. Bart has shares in the Kansas-Texas railroad which runs to a ghost town. . . . Paul Mintoff says too many square meals will give you a round figure. . . . Bob Caston, Herb and Bill Henderson and Chet Rymeski go fishing in style. They take along easy chairs and a lunch. . . . My wife gave me some sausages: one end was meat and the other bread. I asked her about it and she said it was hard to make both ends (meat) meet today. . . . One of our coin collectors unknowingly had his son empty one of his coin collections out to use as spending money. . . . Our great white hunter, Henry Forget, could have shot a deer weighing 150 pounds, but he wanted something worth while to bring back. Henry did bring back a case of buck fever. . . . All the cheering, clapping and bravos you heard was for the presentation of the hero medal "I shall return" to Rollie Wilson. This was given to him because he was lost in the Petersham woods until 10 p.m. at which time the local sheriff and Camp Fire girls led him out. Rollie didn't bring out any deer, but he had a few hot dogs. . . . Earl Rankin spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Pennsylvania. . . . Harry Alger and his wife spent Christmas at his nieces in Springfield. . . . The Paul Mintoff's celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary on November 7. . . . Harold Kane had his 39th wedding anniversary on November 24. . . . Bart "Barefoot Tip-ton" Shugrue tells me he saw five Boy Scouts helping an old woman across the street. Bart said it took five because she didn't want to go in the first place.

Bob Dion, our Lawrence Welk of 402, leaves this thought with us: "The way to be happy is to expect very little and be content with half as much."

GEAR JOB

by Stan Frodyma

Michael Ezzo, of #15 Storesroom, is our personality for this month. Mike was born in Uxbridge on February 22, 1932, and received his schooling there. On March 17, 1948, he began his employment here at Whitin. Uncle Sam summoned Michael to join our Armed Forces in March, 1951. After schooling in preparing foods, he was sent to Korea for 14 months as a staff sergeant in charge of a regimental mess hall. His specialty was toast and hamburger sauce. On October 16, 1954, Michael was married to the former Arline Burns of Whitinsville in St. Anne's Church, Manchaug. They now have two daughters, Sharon, who is 2½ years of age and Sandra, who is 15 months old. They own a Studebaker and live on 8 C Street, Whitinsville. Mike is a member of the American Legion



Foreman Walter P. LaFonte of the Spindle Department at the Charlotte Plant made history when he became the first employee at the Charlotte Shop to receive a 25-year service pin. The presentation was made by John H. Bolton, Jr.

Post #343 and, of course, is a Red Sox fan. His hobbies are bowling and softball. He is a pitcher with a wicked fast ball.

We welcome back Clarence Brouillard after a long illness. . . . Elizabeth Bagg, daughter of Charles Bagg, has been notified that she has won a two thousand dollar scholarship sponsored by the A.F. of L.-C.I.O. District #1 at tests taken recently at Boston University. "Liz" was graded second in her tests in competition with other students throughout the New England States, and was complimented as a brilliant student. She is a graduate of St. Mary's and plans to go to State Teacher's College.

. . . Cadet Frank Thomas, son of Lyman Thomas, was visited by his folks at West Point on Christmas day. Frank is a "Black Knight" and first classman at the Point. . . . Joseph Vayo, our new inspector, has replaced Helen Baird who has taken up domestic duties at home after being employed by Whitin for 21 years. A purse was presented to her by Peter Jongsma, our foreman. . . . We welcome another new employee, Clarence Leonard. . . . Roland "Frank Buck" Lambert was out hunting on opening day and had only one opportunity at a deer. As he took aim and squeezed, nothing happened. He had forgotten to load his rifle.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the Klondike on December 13. It was attended by thirty-six employees. Prizes were won by Bernice Kroll and Carl "Buddy" Rein. The committee consisted of Bunny Howard and Stan Frodyma. Pop Laverdiere was our musical arranger. . . .

Frank Dawicki, after six years of marriage, bought his wife a mouton lamb jacket as a Christmas gift and surprise. . . . Personnel of #15 Storesroom had their Christmas party on the afternoon of December 24, at the N. V. Cafe where novelty gifts were handed out. Hector Gauthier received a new Buxton wallet and a key case from his crib personnel. . . . Birthday greetings to Foreman Peter Jongsma, Bob Ebbeling, Fred Erickson, Leo Maguire, Archie Gigarjian and Michael Ezzo. . . . Anniversary wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood. . . . Rene "Doc" Tancrell and Roland Lambert received their 15-year pins from Mr. Jacob DeJong. . . . Louis Mayerson was certainly happy to hear about the three-and-one split of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. . . . We welcome back Philip Svendsen, E. O. Sheridan, and Alfred Chauvin, Jr. It is nice to see them back again. . . . Michael Ezzo of #15 Storesroom is a bottle cap collector and would welcome caps from his co-workers. . . . The only hobby of Persley Chesley is that of touring the New England states during the fall months.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Congratulations to Peter Devries, Napoleon Deschene, Walter Lawton and Norman Magowan on receiving their 25-year service pins and to Hertsen Heerd, Garrit Oppewall, Herman Youngsma and Eugene Lussier on receiving their 20-year pins. Harmon Meidema, Omer Dubois, John Gauthier, Clement Jacques, Richard Schuyler, Ralph Baker and John Wiersma received their 15-year pins. George Mills, Roland Fontaine and Etienne L'Heureux received their 10-year pins. . . . While working on the water wheel, Paul Valentine complained that his boots were too small even though he had the largest pair in the plant. It took three men to remove his boots only to find that he had his shoes on inside of the boots! . . . Roy Lermont was overheard saying that he hoped the shop would give us a long week end for Christmas. When asked why, he said, "The kids will be getting a lot of toys and it will give me a chance to try them." . . . While hunting in Mendon, Harvey "Kiko" Departie's dog treed an animal. Kiko yelled to his buddies that they had a coon up a tree. They soon discovered it was not a coon but a monkey. The monkey came down the tree and started fighting with the dog so they pulled the dog away and went after a chain, but when they got back the monkey was gone.

ANNEALING ROOM AND BLACKSMITH SHOP

by Pauline Wunschell

At St. Pierre has received news that his daughter, hospital nurse 3/c Cecile M. St. Pierre, was promoted to her present rank while serving at the Newport Hospital.

ENGINEERING AND MASTER LIST DEPARTMENTS

by *Louis Lucier and Frances Healey*

On November 20, a farewell party was given to three members of our departments at the N.V. Cafe; they were Patty White, Connie Visbeck, and Bernie Kula. Patty retired November 28 and immediately took up his residence in Clearwater, Florida. Connie and Bernie left to find employment elsewhere. . . . Frances Healey (SPINDLE reporter) became one of us in November when she became an American citizen. Glad to have her around. . . . Joe Roche became involved in a very embarrassing situation the first day he reported for jury duty in Worcester. Upon completion of his day's work, police had put a ticket on his car for overtime parking. There's no justice, is there, Joe? . . . Jim Roddy reported back to work on November 10 after being out sick for more than a month. . . . Congratulations to Felix Youngsma and Mrs. Youngsma on their 40th wedding anniversary celebrated on January 9. . . . The Engineering Department held their Christmas party on December 18 at the Whitin Golf Club. . . . The Master List Department held their Christmas party during the noon hour of December 24. . . . We welcome Leo Roy back with us in the Engineering Department.

The following were recently presented with service pins: Roy Gaddas, 5 years; George Burgess, Harold Miller, James Ashworth, Warren Greene, Lydia Hickey and Robert Courtemanche, 10 years; John Tebeau, 15 years; George Remillard, 20 years; and Jim Roddy, 25 years. . . . Birthdays in November were observed by E. Plante, M. Deshaies, W. Hobart, F. Bouchard, E. Haggerty, K. Piper, E. Elliot and W. Young. . . . Birthdays in December were observed by L. Britt, J. Lash, P. Mateer, L. Rose, D. Nelson, T. O'Neil and R. Yeo. . . . Everett Fessenden, Department 416, and Mrs. Fessenden of Master List have reason to be proud of their daughter June who formerly worked in the blueprint section of Engineering. June, who will graduate from Pembroke College this spring, has been accepted at Tufts Medical School. At Pembroke, where she won several scholarships, she not only was on the Dean's List but was active in extracurricular activities.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by *Marcel Turgeon*

Our personality this month is Andrew Berube who was born in Providence, Rhode Island on February 4, 1912. He grew up there and after attending the local schools, had the urge to travel. Andy worked as an usher in the Roxy Theater in New York, where he met such celebrities as Mary Pickford, Irene Bordoni, and Maurice Chevalier. He moved on to Milwaukee, Wisconsin; there he became a professional motorcycle rider. Andy liked this so much that for ten years he rode a motor-



June M. Fessenden, formerly of Department 594, has been named to the Dean's List at Pembroke College as a result of her high scholastic standing. June plans to continue her studies in medicine

cycle in various exhibitions in fairs and carnivals in 47 of the 48 States, spending his winters in Tampa, Florida. At the age of 27 he came back east and started to work at the Whitin Machine Works in 1936. He married Viola Duda of Riverdale on July 4, 1939, at St. Peter's Church in Northbridge. In August, 1942, he enlisted in the Navy and spent most of his enlistment in the South Pacific. He was wounded on Iwo Jima in February, 1943, for which he received the Purple Heart, was hospitalized at Pearl Harbor, and was sent back to duty in May, 1943. He was discharged from Boston as a first class machinist's mate. Andrew and his wife live on High Street, Uxbridge. He sells loam and gravel, raises chickens and sells eggs, enjoys watching football and wrestling, and likes to work in his garden. He is a member of the VFW.

We wish good luck to Ralph Ward who retired on December 31 after working at Whitin 15 years and six months. He is going to take it easy between his place in Millbury and his summer place at Hummer Rock Beach in Marshfield, Mass. . . . New cars in the department include a Chevrolet for Michael R. Smith and 1959 Belvedere for Harold Libby. . . . A Christmas party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Turcotte. All reported a good time. . . . Congratulations to the Blackstone Valley Artist's Association for the wonderful display of paintings that were on display in the Mendon Town Hall. More than 1000 persons viewed them. We are happy to say that paintings by Harold Libby and Alfred Demars made a very good showing. Congratulations to Joseph Gregory and

Henry VanderBrug on receiving their 30-year service pins and to John F. Wasiuk, Alphonse Noel, Angelo Arciero, James Forsythe and Raymond Forsythe on receiving their 25-year pins. . . . We have had our share of sick people: Thurston K. Brown, Clarence Bisson, Chester Farrar and Nancy Britten were hospitalized. . . . Celebrating birthdays were James C. Rice, Rita Turcotte, Mary Hayward and John McQuade. . . . Celebrating wedding anniversaries were Mr. and Mrs. Armand Turcotte, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dunn, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton White. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dunn attended the marriage of their son Roland on December 28 in New York City.

MILLING JOB

by *Harry Ludvigson*

Wedding anniversaries—January, Valmore Dube; February, Daniel Plouffe, Raymond Poyer, Gerald Lalette, Edward Brissette, Oscar Bruyere, and Donald Lyford; March, Ralph Peckham, Edwin Salley, Edward Bell, Marie Krumbholz, Edward Haczynski and Louis Martin. . . . Raymond Dion of the night shift shot a 125-lb. doe while hunting at New Salem. Norman Beauchamp brought home a 190-lb. 11-point buck shot in Great Barrington on December 1. . . . George Palardis started the new year by driving a brand new Ford. . . . Mrs. Myra Emerick, formerly of Production, has replaced Mrs. Annie Heardt in charge of blueprints. Annie left us on October 31, to devote all of her time as a homemaker. On the day of her leaving Annie was the recipient of gifts presented by the employees of our department. We all hope Mrs. Emerick will be happy in her new work. . . . Mrs. Annie Ward of Inspection was presented a 15-year service pin on December 22. The presentation was made by Mr. Everett Murch. . . . Welcome to all the new and recalled employees who joined our department since the last issue of the SPINDLE. They are Raymond Dion, Armand Methot, Ernest Racicot, Joseph Chicoine, Roger Blanchard, Joseph Gagnon, Ernest Lemieux, Harry Slater, and Vincent Dudzik on the second shift and Robert Martinetty and Lucien Benoit on the day shift. . . . Your writer extends a rather belated welcome to John Eustace, assistant crib tender, and to Edgar Chapdelaine, apprentice. . . . Additional new and recalled employees (2nd shift): Francis Olson, Albert Desjardin, Raymond Poyer, Adrien Violette, Armand Auger, Francis Fitzgerald, and Peter Michalik. . . . Roland Dion is our new apprentice. . . . George Dawe, Assistant Foreman, was the recipient of a 30-year service pin on November 19. Twenty-five year pins were also presented to the following employees by President J. Hugh Bolton, Erik Pierson and John Cunningham, Clifford Mason, Thomas Daley, Merrill True, Everett Fessenden, George Vincent, Antonio Stefanis, Harry Ludvigson, John McCaig, Thomas Jackman, John Visbeck, Philip Brochu and Louis Martin.



On the left Octave Leblanc, commonly called Patty White, is shown accepting a purse presented by R. K. Brown at the testimonial dinner in his honor at the NV Cafe on November 20. Patty retired on November 28 after working at Whitin since October 12, 1911. On the right is Henry Beedon, custodian of the Overlook Apartments, who retired on November 30 after working for Whitin since June 8, 1920



CUTTING-OFF JOB

by Irene Mombourquette

On November 20 the members of this department enjoyed a steak dinner at Kite's Restaurant in Fisherville in honor of Mrs. Norman Belval, the former June Boisvert. . . . The Oliver Ashton Post No. 343 of Northbridge had a beano party with turkeys given as prizes on November 19. . . . Ralph and Helen Aspinwall became grandparents anew to another boy on November 27: John Ralph, born to George and Dorothy of Groton, Conn. . . . On December 15, Harold and Celia Kelliher also became grandparents anew to a boy born to Veronica and Peter Tetreault. . . . The following are to be congratulated on the receipt of their service pins: on December 22 Ralph Aspinwall, William "John" Pouliot and Henry Charron received 15-year pins; on December 23 Lorenzo Boulanger received his 10-year pin. Mr. William Steele made the presentations accompanied by Mr. Simon Bosma, Foreman. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bosma motored to New Jersey and spent the Christmas holiday with their daughter Shirley and son-in-law Gary Van Houten.

SIX WHITIN EMPLOYEES RETIRE

In the closing days of 1958, six Whitin employees, with a total seniority of two centuries, retired from the employ of the Whitin Machine Works, Whitinsville. These men represented six separate occupations. Among them were residents of four towns.

Most senior of these men is Octave Leblanc, a repair order analyst in the Master List Department who lived at 133 North Main Street, Uxbridge. A Whitin employee since 1911, he has moved to 118 South SanRemo Avenue, Clearwater, Florida.

Next in seniority are three Whitinsville residents. Harold C. Warren, a first class metal pattern maker who lives at 469 Hill Street, had been employed by the company since 1915. Henry Beedon, who lives at the Overlook Apartments where he was custodian, had been with the firm since 1920. Frank E. Howard of 14 C Street, a first class turret hand, had been employed in the Automatic Screw Machine Department since 1926.

Ralph Guidotti, a first class iron melter who lives at 10 Reade Street, Milford, had been a Whitin employee since 1933. Ralph E. Ward of 6 Water Street, Millbury, a clerical worker in the repair section of the Shipping Department, had been a Whitin employee since 1943.

FOUNDRY

by Gordon Blizzard

Welcome back from layoff C. Carter and L. Covington. . . . We wish Ralph Guidotti good luck on his retirement after 25 years in the Foundry. . . . We are glad to see Frank Shugrue back to work after his sick leave. . . . Everyone in the Foundry hopes to see Louis Veau's friendly face amongst us very soon. Louie has been ill. . . . The annual office Christmas party was held at Aunt Mary's this year under the guidance of Earl Briggs. . . . All the men that ride with Joe Truesdale are surely riding in style in his new Buick. . . . We are glad to see that Roland Heroux and Roland Deragon are back after recovering from their injuries.



Three Whitin employees who retired in December are, from the left: Frank Howard, 32 years; Ralph Guidotti, 25 years, and Ralph Ward, 15 years

TOP ROLL DEPARTMENT

by George H. Bond

Checking in this month after various periods of inactivity are Tony Lima, Albert Belanger, Leo Gagnon, Ernest Riedle, Julia Prince, Margaret Asadoorian, Ann Mantell and Galfredo Depillo. During the same period, Ann left us to return to Department 451 and Ernie went back to his home department of 420. It was nice having them with us. . . . Emile Deschamps received his 25-year pin recently from President J. Hugh Bolton, Mr. Erik Pierson and Mr. J. H. Cunningham. During these winter months, when most of us soft-living people wishfully gaze southward, Emile's thoughts go northward to New Hampshire and its various skiing resorts. "Dutchie," as we all call him, says there is nothing as refreshing as gliding down mountain slopes with the temperature around the zero mark. He wishes anyone with a doubtful mind would join him some weekend. . . . The Christmas party held in conjunction with Department 423 and Department 411 at the Embassy Club on December 6 was a complete success. Our thanks to Department 423 for making the arrangements and to Department 411 for the use of their orchestra. . . . Those celebrating birthdays in December were Flora Grenon, Robert Burnett and William Lavallee. During January we said happy birthday to Rose Gigarjian, and Leon Dumas. . . . Since Mike Nadolink says he doesn't have any more birthdays, let's start off 1959 by giving him a general salutation.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

First, we welcome back to the Ring Job Louis Dionne, Stella Damarjian, Norman King, Alphonse Turgeon, Bud Frieswyk and Roland Morel. . . . Occasionally someone comes to work with a different sock on each foot or a bag of something for lunch which was something else. The latest is Bill Fogarty bringing in a pound of butter by mistake. . . . Guess everyone enjoyed the long holiday week ends and came back none the worse for the wear. . . . Your reporter had to turn down a six-hour trip in the U.S.S. atomic submarine "Swordfish" to which he and Mrs. Balcome were invited on December 17. The submarine's officers' wives and families were invited. . . . For the new year we have the following birthday greetings: for January, Fred Brown, William Fogarty, Albert Bouchard, Arthur Lawrence and James Gusney; for February, Roland Morel and Norman King. . . . We heard that Alice Travaille was in the hospital. Everyone in 437 knows Alice for she was the office clerk for many years. A phone call showed she came back to work on December 29 feeling fine. . . . Your reporter received his 10-year pin from Mr. Murch in December. . . . Everett Gaspar has a 1959 Pontiac.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING NAMED AT WHITIN

Paul H. Gill has been named to the newly-created position of Director of Marketing at Whitin Machine Works according to an announcement by J. Hugh Bolton, President. Mr. Gill assumed the duties of his new office on December 1.

Shortly after graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Gill obtained his master's degree in Sales Management and Marketing from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Since then he has gained extensive experience in sales, manufacturing, corporate reorganization and marketing. He comes to Whitin from Bruce Payne & Associates, Inc., Management Consultants of Westport, Conn. As Assignment Director, he has served that Company's clients in a wide variety of industries for the past ten years in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

He is a member of the American Management Association and the Society for the Advancement of Management. A member of Theta Xi Fraternity, he has long been active in M. I. T. alumni work. He also belongs to the Harvard Club of Boston where he is presently living.



Paul H. Gill



R. I. Dalton, Jr. has been promoted to Manager of the Whitin Cotton Machinery Sales Division, it has been announced by John H. Bolton, Jr., Director of Sales

STANLEY LAUGHLIN TRANSFERRED TO EXPORT SALES

The transfer of Stanley Laughlin to the Export Sales Department as a salesman recently was announced. Mr. Laughlin will report directly to E. M. Kennedy, Manager, Export Sales Department.

Mr. Laughlin was born in Leeds, England, and came to the United States as a child. Prior to joining Whitin in 1954, he was overseer of drawing and spinning at Ames Textile Corporation. He and his wife Dorothy L. live on Brookfield Road, Sturbridge, with their 18-year old daughter Linda M. and 16-year old son William T.



Stanley Laughlin



Clarence Prouty, Department 427 personality of the month, served in France with the Yankee Division in World War I

ROVING SMALL PARTS AND ROVING ERECTING

by William Markarian

Personality of the month—Clarence E. Prouty is a person one cannot help liking. He is a very quiet, unassuming gentleman. Clarence was born in Belvedere, Illinois, on January 23, 1896. His family moved east while he was still a lad, and settled in Orange, Mass. He left high school to work at Union Twist Drill in Athol, Mass. World War I broke out and Clarence saw service in France with the 104th infantry regiment of the Yankee Division. Returning home he studied drafting and tool designing at Wentworth Institute in Boston. He worked with B. F. Sturtevant, Readville, Mass., manufacturers of air conditioners, Draper Corporation of Hopedale, and also at the Watertown arsenal until 1935, at which time he came here as a machinist. Clarence is married and makes his home in Grafton. He enjoys gardening and goes fishing when he can. He is a member of Montgomery Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and for the past thirty years a member of Mt. Lebanon Chapter, Milford.

Congratulations to James "Del" Ramsey who completed 30 years' service. President J. Hugh Bolton, Mr. Erik Pierson and Mr. John H. Cunningham made the presentation. . . . Well, the Flag Wavers Crib League is still floundering along. We miss our former member, John Skinner, who is now working nights. John has all kinds of rulings on situations which arise during play and, if there is no rule, he will make one. . . . We heard via the grapevine that, just before Christmas, our friend Edward Frappier, crib attendant, got quite a surprise when he called a telephone number

given to him by Ernest Gauthier. Ernest told Ed that a "white-haired" man was trying to get in touch with him. Ed dialed and, after repeated busy signals, finally got the-number. It turned out to be an automatic record playing service with Santa Claus on the other end.

PLANER JOB

by Ray Dupras

Congratulations to Russell Braman on receiving his 30-year pin, to Emery Pouliot on receiving his 25-year pin, and to Leo Bellville, Larry Moreau, and Albert Chaput on receiving their 10-year pins. . . . We welcome back Philip Tjaarda, Louis Bisanti, Bob Blanchette and Merrill C. True. . . . Ruth Fournier is our new stock clerk. . . . Herb Brown claims he is the champion cribbage player of the department. . . . Joe Reneau is sporting around in a new 1959 Super 88 Oldsmobile. . . . Raymond Woodcome was re-elected secretary of the Southern Massachusetts Police Association. . . . We welcome Tommy Tycks and all the personnel from Department 426 who were transferred to this department (this includes the cylinder and assembly line on the ATF machine) and also the night shift. . . . Sudy Asadoorian has the pleasure of going to New York to see the New York Giants play the Baltimore Colts. . . . Charles Sohigian returned to work after being on jury duty for the month of January.

SPINNING AND TWISTER SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Congratulations to Foreman Ed Malhoit on receiving his 25-year pin from President J. Hugh Bolton and Erik Pierson. Twenty-five year pins also were given to Carleton Wood and Walter Szocik. Fifteen-year pins were given to Remi Roy and Arthur Johnson and a 10-year pin was given to Inspector Abraham Koury. . . . Welcome back after long layoffs to Everett Lawrence, Thomas Grenier, Peter Roorda, and painter Henrico Pandolfi. Welcome also to newcomer Albert Noel. . . . In the past months we have bid adieu to apprentices James Colton, Jr., who was transferred to Research, Roland Dionne who was transferred to Department 416, and Robert Winiarski who was transferred to Department 427. Lots of luck to them. . . . Wilfred St. Jean's brother celebrated his 25-year anniversary in the priesthood. He is serving as curate at St. Louis Church in Woonsocket, R. I. A reception was held at the Uxbridge Inn.

Edgar Baker's son William is at Great Lakes Naval Station. He received his doctor's degree in Boston. . . . Alfred Jacobs went deer hunting and was only in the woods two minutes before he bagged a big deer. Jake says the deer made so much noise coming through the woods that he had to hold up on his shot, fearing it to be a human being.

DUPLICATORS

by Emil Wikiera

The second annual Christmas party was held December 6 at the State Line Casino in Webster and was attended by fifteen couples. Invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Maghakian and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garabedian. Dining and dancing were enjoyed by all. An added attraction was the floor show in which four members of the Christmas party participated. The usual one-half hour show lasted one and one-half hours to the delight of all present. Too bad there were no cameras available. If anyone wants to stage a show, casting will start in Department 488. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Cartier recently celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary with a week end in Connecticut. The itinerary included shows in Hartford and some time with relatives in Avon. . . . Congratulations to the Union Christmas Party committee for a swell Kiddies' Party. Their time and effort are very much appreciated.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Charles Kheboian and Irving Dalton

The Christmas party of Departments 417 and 418 was held at Aunt Mary's on December 6. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Dorothy Antoian was general chairman. . . . Divisional superintendent Jacob DeJong and Foreman Leon Barnes presented fifteen-year pins to the following: Walter Ballou, Michael A. Courtemanche, Harry A. Czercowicz and Douglas M. Farley. A ten-year pin was presented Wallace J. Boucher. . . . The Benefit Club of these departments elected the following: Leonard Hinchcliffe, President; Andrew Fitzgerald, Vice President; William Gjeltema, Andrew Vierstra and Irving Dalton, Auditors; Dorothy Antoian, Secretary; and Howard Hill, Treasurer.



Bernard Farrar, Department 462, is serving as pastor of the Northbridge Centre Church

... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robbins on their twelfth wedding anniversary. . . . Mr. Elmer Roth, Controller, presented a fifteen-year pin to Hannah Sheehan our time clerk. . . . Leonard Hinchcliffe and Dot Antioian were co-chairmen of the buffet party held in the department on December 31. There were numerous donations from all the fellows and girls. The party was a tremendous success. . . . Rose Onanian brought in a Christmas tree and decorated it. The department office was also decorated. . . . It seems strange that Earl Robbins is still friendly with Tony Peroni after the Christmas party. There are rumors around that Earl wants to learn to do the cha-cha. Tony is holding out for a \$1.00 a lesson.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Aram Sisoian

We welcome Bill Hughes and Ray Chaharyn as new Research members. . . . Recently Herb Bliss, Bill Hughes, and Sam Gustavson were recipients of twenty-five year service pins. The pins were presented by President J. Hugh Bolton and Mr. Erik Pierson. . . . A few weeks later "Ziggy" Mezynski, Francis Lash, Don Benson and Joe Kostka were presented with ten-year service pins. To all, congratulations. . . . Have you heard the story of our famous hunter, Dr. Szaloki? Only a few short weeks ago the Doctor obtained his hunting license and, believe it or not, the first time out with his friends, bagged an eight-point 200-pound buck. The moral of this story is "don't miss the first time and you won't have to try again." The suggestion of our hunter is to try hunting in New Hampshire. . . . Birthday greetings for the month of January are extended to Bill Linkow. . . . Those who celebrated anniversaries then are the Louie Rutana's and the Herb Cutler's. . . . February seems to be a banner month for the observance of birthdays, and



Lester R. Wilcox is the Department 432 personality of the month

to Peter Strang, Ray Cabana, Chick Blakely, Myron Boyko and Bill Strzelewicz we wish very happy ones. . . . To the Ross Newton's and Maynard Krull's, who are observing anniversaries for the month of February, we wish many happy returns.

STEEL FABRICATION

by Alfred H. Nichols

We're always glad to welcome new co-workers. This month we have Normand Blais, an alumnus of 412; John Casey, welder on the second shift; Francis Roche, of Storesroom #26; and Russell L. Rosborough, welder on 432. . . . Sam Allen, Sr. of Woonsocket was recalled to work after several months lay-off. Many of us are wondering what happened to Arthur "Chief" Mercier. He left the department for a hospital check-up and he is now taking it easy at home. Figures he'll retire now. . . . January had birthdays for Pat Debellis (he held a shindig at his home), Ovila St. Germain, Richard Flinton, Frank J. Zayonc and Armand Beauchemin. . . . February will give added years to Thomas "Tonto" Pottie and Rene F. Rock, Sr. . . . Don't forget the ladies on St. Valentine's day: "X" the date on your calendar now.

Service pins were presented to: Thomas Pottie, 15 years; Henry Melanson, Herve Croteau, Herman R. Hathaway and Edward Vadenais, 10 years. The presentations were made by Mr. John F. Sloan and Foreman Pat Debellis. . . . Mr. Frank Finn received his 5-year pin from F. Merwin Brown.

Personality of the month—Lester Ray Wilcox was born on October 4, 1929, in Harrisville, R. I., the son of Albert and Elsie Congdon Wilcox. He attended schools in Woonsocket. On May 3, 1952, the Reverend John P. Christensen of the Universalist Church in Woonsocket united in marriage Lester and Miriam H. Paul. Bruce Lester, now five years old, completes the family picture. Lester spends his spare time working around his new home on Hill Road, Bellingham, Mass. He started working for W.M.W. on March 14, 1955, in Department 441 as a miscellaneous woodworker. He is at present a finish grinder on 432. Lester is a veteran of the Korean War. He was a corporal in the 5th Air Force.

TIN SHOP, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin and Pete Paddock

Romeo Roy of the night shift is our personality of the month. Romeo, born in Armagh, Canada, on July 6, 1921, migrated to the United States in 1945. He came to work in the Shop on the Packing Job in 1946 and recently transferred to the Tin Shop. Romeo and his wife Yvonne (Yvonne Guillotte) and their 18-month old daughter Jacqueline reside on Branch Avenue in



Romeo Roy is the Department 413 personality of the month

North Smithfield, R. I. Romeo lists cabinet making among his hobbies and has his own small workshop.

There have been numerous changes of late in the night shift personnel. We welcome back Henry Martin, Armand McCollum, Lucien Guilbeault, Donald Johnston, Carl Goranson, Leo Proulx and Romeo Roy. We are also happy to see Ed McWilliams back again after a long absence due to illness.

Chairman Paul P. Rutana of the Northbridge board of selectmen was the recipient of three awards late in 1958. The Good Citizenship Award presented to him by Governor Furcolo had the following inscription, "In grateful recognition of outstanding and dedicated service to the community and to the ideals of constitutional government. By your success and unselfish service in the land of freedom, you have set an example for people of all nations of the world of what can be accomplished by men who are free." He also received the Massachusetts State C.I.O. acknowledgment merit award and the D.A.V. certificate of merit.

The Department 413 Christmas party held on December 18 at the N.V. Cafe in Uxbridge also served as a farewell party to Elyce "Pippay" Rainville who recently retired. Foreman Eddie Horan presented Pippay with a smoking stand and a barometer and Mrs. Rainville with a bouquet of roses. Lucien Paulhus again played the role of Santa Claus and was his usual jovial and entertaining self. . . . Dave Hodell was named the new member of the entertainment committee. . . . A stag party for Charlie Poxon was held on December 6 in honor of his approaching marriage to Beverly Ann Quinley on December 27.



MYSTERY PHOTO—On the left is Tom Marshall of Repair Sales. At the time this picture on the right was taken the young man was a student at Worcester Tech

Bobby Campo was in charge of the arrangements. . . . While ice fishing on Meadow Pond during the holiday season, Bobby Campo found a new hobby—bird feeding! Bobby caught four fine pickerel, left the fish on the ice while he went for coffee, and returned to find the seagulls feasting. . . . Arthur LaFerriere, George Braman and Albert Hoekstra were recently presented with their 25-year service pins. . . . Henry Laviemodiere has returned to work after long hospitalization due to spinal injuries. . . . These reporters extend a very belated happy New Year to one and all.

ACCOUNTING NEWS

by *Beatrice Gauthier, Jacqueline Lemire, and Nancy Trainor*

Now that the fanfare of the holidays is finished, everyone in 462 is attempting to get back to normal, trying to readjust themselves to a five-day week and to an office without Christmas decorations and trees. The Xmas party at the Roek Garden was pronounced a Success (with a capital "S"). Bill Walsh and Eileen Forsyth waltzed themselves to first prize in the waltz contest and Margaret and Don Crosby and Virginia Audette and Bob English (that "gay-blade" of Payroll!) won the "spot-dances." We would also like to introduce you all to the newly-crowned (as of the Christmas Party) champion soup server—Brad Brown! (This honor was bestowed on him, so we were told, by his dinner companions whom he served faithfully through the entire soup course).

There is one thing that should be remembered about parties and that is that they don't just "happen" but that it takes a lot of work and time on the part of the committee members to assemble it all and come up with a gay evening for everyone. So why not just say a little thank you sometime and volunteer once in a while for a committee. (End of sermon!)

Herb Barnes, Roy Benner, Ken Crossman, and Ruth Kellaher received their

25-year pins. Receiving 15-year pins were Florence Perry, H. Sheehan, B. Siewietowski, S. Oleksyk, and Helen Cotter. Ten-year pins went to E. Johnson, J. Ebbeling, Gordon Curtis, Dick SanSouci, Virginia Wood, and Cathy Reeves.

While still reflecting on the holidays we were reminded that the girls from the Cost section went out to dinner on December 23rd and exchanged gifts. Machine Accounting had a small informal luncheon in their office at noon on the 24th and exchanged gifts. Payroll also went out of the office at noon to enjoy a "large" dinner at a small local "bistro."

The day before Christmas was climaxed by a get-together of the entire Accounting Department for a late-afternoon luncheon in the Cost Section.

With the coming of a new year we also have many new faces. June Belval, James Graham, Francis Saunier, Earl Eccleston, Gloria Rainey, Eileen Forsythe, Walter Anderberg, and Nancy Arguin have joined the Cost staff. Tab welcomes Dot Albin, Joanne Dargan, Barbara Dodge, and Jennie Berghuis. We also bid farewell to Chris Myott who has left to take up household duties. Bernice Plante is also a new face, but before we even became well acquainted with her in Cost she transferred to Payroll. Best of luck to her.

We are once more hearing that familiar English accent as Eve Lundberg is once again at her desk. As of this writing, Roscoe Knight is still on the sick list. We hope he will be back with us soon.

Mrs. Allen, of Payroll, was seen on WBZ-TV's "Community Auditions" on December 21, directing her group of bell ringers from Upton. They also gave a Christmas concert in Filene's on Saturday the 20th of December.

Harriet LaFleur spent a hectic holiday month for her daughter Thelma became Mrs. Paul Schutt on the 19th of December in the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed

Church. Many of the girls from Cost had lunch at Harriet's home a few days prior to the wedding, met the bride, "oohed and aahed" over wedding clothes and had a wonderful time, all in all. (They always manage to, don't they?)

Northbridge Centre Congregational Church has a new pastor in the person of Roland Farrar. Roland will be a full-time pastor but will also retain his position in the Estimating group. (The best of everything from all of us, Roland.)

Birthdays seem to be being celebrated by about half the Accounting Department force. Now a year older are Gloria Novack, Thad Fronczak, Gordon Curtis, Armand Plouffe, Tom Altoonian, Harriet LaFleur, Bob Smalarz, Jackie Lemire, Helen Cotter, Florence Perry, Oscar Erickson, Phil Johnson, Roland Farrar, Helena Bloem, Bob Courchene, Virginia Wood, Dick SanSouci, Nancy Porter, George Woodward, Bernice Bernier, Cathy Reeves, Merwin Brown, Agnes Krikarian, Janice DeBoer, Ruth Kellaher, Dorothy Hamblin, Clarice Sareault, Joe O'Rourke, Harold Tallman, June Belval, James Graham, and Jennie Berghuis.

Anniversary congratulations go to Thad and Helen Fronczak, Gloria and Bill Novack, Joe and Marilyn O'Rourke, Jim and Marguerite Graham, and Mrs. and Paul Trinque.

Irene and Gene DeJordy are receiving congratulations on the birth of Eugene Anthony, 8 lbs. 4 ozs., on November 11, 1958 at The Memorial Hospital, Worcester.

Lucien and Pauline Horent welcomed an early Christmas present, Rene Pierre, 7 lbs. 7 ozs., on December 1, 1958 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island.

METHODS

by *Jean Cunningham*

First we congratulate the people in the office who recently received pins for their years of service. Frank DeHass has 20 years; Bridget Wawrczickwicz, Rene Thibault and James McQuigan have 15 years; Edward Reeves, Alfred Capone, Paul Wheeler, Mary Anderson and Benjamin Musket have 10 years. . . . Belated birthday greetings for December to David Grey, Henry Pariseau, Albert Brouwer and Herbert Balcome and for January to Archie Bolivar, Jr., Kurken Garabedian, James H. Shaw, Joe Bouley and son Brian (on the same day), Julia Skeary and Wendell Piper. Hope the following have bang-up times on their February birthdays: Wilmot Hastings, Donald Lange and Charles Walker. . . . We are glad to welcome back Cathy Larsen who had been working in the Main Office. We hope she enjoys being with us again. . . . A very successful Christmas party was held at the Club Cosmo where everyone had a wonderful time, thanks to Wendell Piper who took the time to make the reservations. We enjoyed our usual Christmas tree which a

group from the office decorated. . . . While on the subject of holidays, this is my first opportunity in print to wish everyone a very successful 1959. . . . Pat Mateer and Ben Musket allow Charlie Mateer and Frank Budnick to win a game of cribbage once every other week. For some unknown reason, Charlie just can't seem to hold a winning hand or have a winning streak. Better luck in 1959. . . . Hope Brown has just cause to be proud of her two daughters who came home, one with highest honors and the other with high honors.



To Robert Crossland, Department 594, and Janice Crossland, formerly of 594, a son, Mark William in St. Vincent Hospital, on December 30.

To Pendleton Havener, Department 594, and Laura Havener, a son, Henry Mayo, weight 9 lbs. 11½ oz., in The Memorial Hospital on December 24.

To William Andrews, Department 487, and Nancy Andrews, a daughter, Priscilla Jane, weight 8 lbs. 10 oz., in Whitinsville Hospital on December 30.

To William Pouliot, Department 410, and Mrs. Pouliot, a son, in Woonsocket on December 4.

To Merrill C. True, Jr., Department 489, and Mrs. True, a daughter, Cheril Ann, weight 9 lbs. 3 oz., in Whitinsville Hospital on December 21.

To Russell Bailey, Tool Job, and Mrs. Bailey, a daughter, Beth Ann, in Whitinsville Hospital on November 26.

To Roger Fafard, Department 488, and Mrs. Fafard, a son, Michael Roger, on October 21.

To William Morrisette, Jr., Traffic Department, and Mrs. Morrisette, a daughter, Lisa, in Whitinsville Hospital on October 10.

To Roger Vallee, Traffic Department, and Mrs. Vallee, a son, Raymond, in Whitinsville Hospital.

To Ross Newton, Department 570, and Mrs. Newton, a daughter, Joan Elizabeth, in Whitinsville Hospital on November 8.

To Romeo Tellier, Department 416, and Mrs. Tellier, a daughter, Nancy Ann, in Mercy Hospital, Woonsocket, on November 4.

To William Ethier, Department 425, and Mrs. Ethier, a daughter, Laura Jean, weight 7 lbs. 14 oz., in Mercy Hospital on November 14.

To Normand J. DeConing, Department 432, and Gertrude Levesque DeConing, a daughter, Michelle-Ann, weight 6 lbs. 2 oz., in Woonsocket Hospital on December 27.



The engagement of Peggy Thompson of Repair Sales to Roland Noel of Northbridge has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding.

The engagement of Judith Ann Simmons of Department 494 to Walter Hewett, Jr. of Uxbridge has been announced. An October wedding is planned.

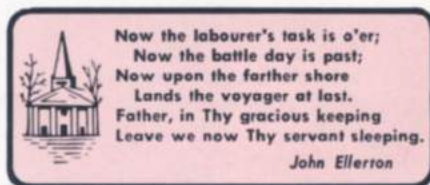
Announcement is made of the engagement of Elizabeth Jean Lanagan, #2 Office, to Kermit Bickford, Payroll Department, on December 24. A June wedding is planned.

Willis Buckman, Group Leader in Department 417, and Mrs. Buckman announce the engagement of their daughter Mildred to Mr. Albert G. Eccleston of Douglas Road, Sutton.

Charles E. Poxon, Department 413, and Beverly Ann Quinley of Slatersville were married in the Slatersville Congregational Church on December 27.

Marshall W. Sargeant and Fern M. Coombs, Department 470, were married in the Methodist Church, Whitinsville, on December 27.

Jack William Arensmeyer of New London, Connecticut, and Judith Mateer, daughter of Samuel Mateer of Methods, were married in Trinity Episcopal Church, Whitinsville, on November 1.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Pasquale Criasia, Department 416, on the death of his father-in-law, Michael Stoico, in the Clafin Hill Rest Home, Milford, on November 12.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. Mary E. Shugrue who left twenty-one grandchildren, thirty-five great grandchildren, and a great, great grandchild.

Edward Morel, Ring Job, on the death of his sister, Celina Morel Bousquet, in Fitchburg on December 14.

Family and friends of James P. Fallon, 52, of Louis Street, Linwood, who died in St. Vincent Hospital on November 12.

Relatives and friends of John E. LeMoine, 59, of 269 Main Street, who died in The Memorial Hospital on November 12.

Friends and survivors of James F. Devaney, 60, of 1 C Street, who died in the Worcester County Sanatorium on November 26.

Family and friends of Maurice Landry, 43, who died at his home on Albion Road, Albion, R. I., on December 15.

Friends and relatives of William Deane, Sr., 83, of 70 North Main Street, who died at his home on November 30.

Survivors and friends of M. Lynn Richardson, 61, of 48 Main Street, who died on December 4.

Friends and family of John D. Demers, 54, of 8 West Water Street who died in Whitinsville Hospital on December 6.

John Weirsma, Department 454, on the death of his father, Job Weirsma, on December 17.

Joseph Knapik, Department 488, on the death of his father, Frank Knapik, on October 14.

Family and friends of Mrs. Annie Reed Taft, 88, of Sutton Street, Uxbridge, who died in Whitinsville Hospital on December 30.

Friends and relatives of Mrs. Ida Richards Bernard, 75, of 46 School Street, Northbridge, who died in Whitinsville Hospital on December 30.

Friends and relatives of Ruth Scott Holding of Fisherville who died in Whitinsville on January 3.

Sidney Lafleur, Department 454, on the death of his mother, Nellie Lafleur, on November 13.

Bror Swanson, Tool Job, on the death of his mother, Anna Swanson, in Melrose on November 15.

Richard Poe, Tool Job, on the death of his father, William Poe, in Newport, Kentucky, on November 16.

Friends and survivors of Harry H. Bullock, 81, who died in St. Petersburg, Florida, on December 16.

Friends and relatives of George F. Albrecht, 78, textile machinery designer who died at his home in Saco, Maine, in December.

Survivors and friends of Napoleon Edmund Turgeon, 77, of 68 Linwood Avenue, who died in Whitinsville Hospital on December 23.

Family and friends of Vassal Bakker, 53, of 35 Thurston Avenue, who died at his home on December 18.

Friends and survivors of Walter E. Harris, 91, of North Street, East Douglas, who died at Pine Grove Villa, Millbury, on December 15.

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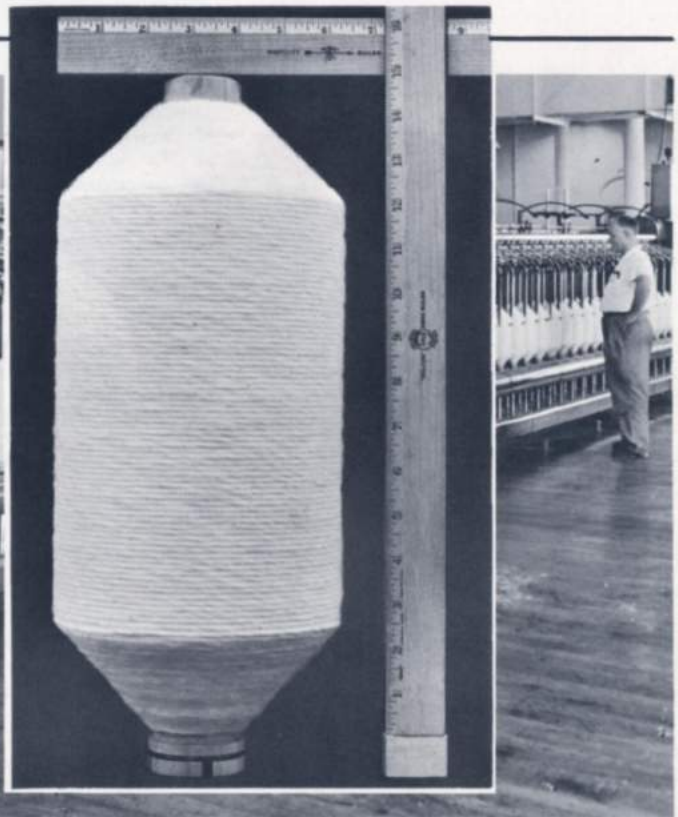
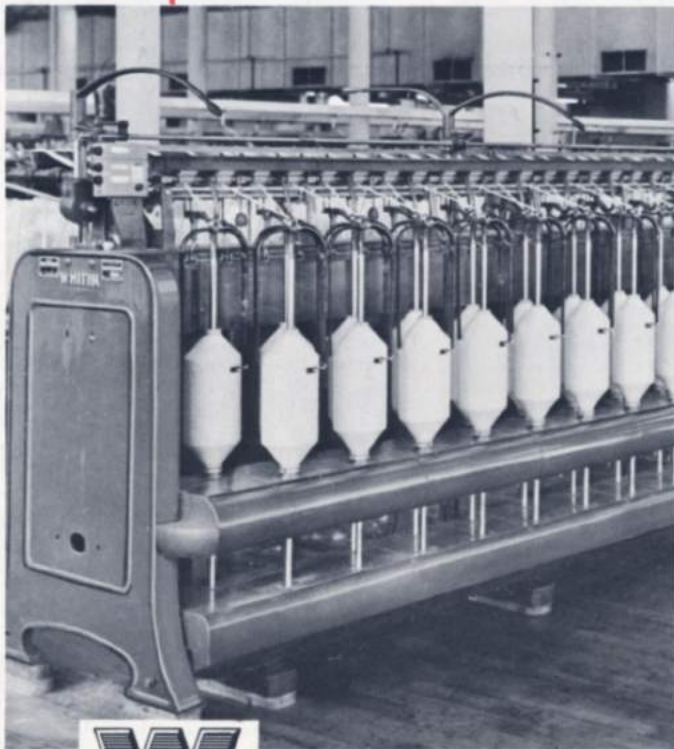
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