Our President Speaks of Profits

We have all heard and seen in print a great deal that has been said lately about industry’s profits being too high and that, as a result, taxes should be increased. Too many of these statements are made thoughtlessly, with no attempt made to present the facts.

Our jobs (yours and mine) are safe only in a company that is run successfully and at a profit, and taxes cannot be raised without affecting this job security.

Last year our customers paid us more for machinery than in any previous year. The greatest part of the money that we received went to all of us in wages; wages being the highest in the history of the Company. The second greatest amount of money went to our suppliers, from whom we purchase iron, steel, coal, motors, and other things essential to the operation of our business. The third greatest amount went for taxes—Federal and State. The fourth greatest amount went for plant improvement, new machine tools, revamping old machine tools, and doing the necessary things to keep our physical property in excellent shape. The fifth and smallest amount went for taxes—Federal and State. The fourth greatest amount went for plant improvement, new machine tools, revamping old machine tools, and doing the necessary things to keep our physical property in excellent shape. The fifth and smallest amount went for taxes—Federal and State. The fourth greatest amount went for plant improvement, new machine tools, revamping old machine tools, and doing the necessary things to keep our physical property in excellent shape. The fifth and smallest amount went for taxes—Federal and State. The fourth greatest amount went for plant improvement, new machine tools, revamping old machine tools, and doing the necessary things to keep our physical property in excellent shape.

These stockholders, who are the owners of our business and provide our jobs for us, received in dividends only one-fourth as much as the Company paid in taxes alone.

Wages, supplies, raw materials, insurance, taxes and all other bills must be paid before there can be any profits; profits being what is left over after every other bill has been paid. When there are no profits, no business can continue to operate very long.

When someone tells you that the Government can get money by raising the taxes on corporations without hurting you or your job because only a few owners are affected, do not forget that he is wrong. Taxes take money needed to keep up our plant and to protect our jobs; therefore, you are directly affected by higher taxes.

The Government allows us each year to deduct a certain amount of money for depreciation before taxes are figured. This depreciation allowed our Company does not begin to pay for the necessary items of plant maintenance and replacement of equipment. Last year alone we spent several times this depreciation figure to maintain our plant. Without profits this could not have been done.

It is very easy indeed for irresponsible people to make rash statements without any regard whatsoever as to the facts. After all, they are not talking about their money or their jobs, hence, loose talk costs them nothing. Because they are talking about our money and our jobs, it is up to us to combat this type of loose propaganda so that our Company can remain strong and our jobs secure.

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This photograph shows a worsted head end pattern being drawn from the flask after the mold has been made. This Herman Roll-over Machine is capable of lifting flasks which weigh as much as 10,000 pounds.

IT’S TEAMWORK
ON THE ROLL-OVERS

With this issue of the Spindle, we bring to a close a series of articles pertaining to our Foundry. In this concluding article, we discuss the functions of the Roll-over Molding Machines and the Non-ferrous Foundry in our production of textile machinery.

Of the various types of molding machines, the Roll-over Machine is considered one of the most productive for medium and heavy work. This machine jolts the molds, rolls over the mold and pattern equipment, and draws the pattern. The Foundry possesses 12 Roll-over Machines capable of rolling over molds that weigh from 750 pounds to 10,000 pounds.

Located in close proximity to each other are the two largest Roll-overs in the Foundry. One machine handles molds weighing up to 6,000 pounds and the other handles molds weighing up to 10,000 pounds. Head ends, foot ends, and sampsons for all types of Spinning, Roving, Twisters, and Rayon are made on this type of machine. Working in two well-coordinated teams, 12 men operate these two Roll-overs, producing 40 complete molds in an eight-hour day. Each man knows his job thoroughly and performs his work without lost motion. Their operation is a good example of teamwork at its best.

Joe Autotte and Rosario Baril, working from a written schedule, take the first step in making a mold for a head end or foot end. These men choose the proper pattern boards on which are rigidly mounted the patterns for the parts to be molded. These pattern boards are heavy wooden boards, usually weighing at least 500 pounds. The molding of any part requires two pattern boards, one for each half mold, which when joined together make a complete mold. Each pair of pattern boards is stored on a specially designed floor truck from which the crane (operated by John Zizileuskas) picks up the boards and places them on the turn-over plate of the molding machine. The crane then hooks onto the proper size flask which Autotte and Baril have selected and places it on the pattern board. The flask is then filled, from the overhead conveyor, with sand specially prepared for the Roll-over Machines in their own sand muller. Charles Castonguay, operator of the muller, mixes and checks the sand before it is delivered to the molding machines.

After the flask has been filled with sand, Joe Lemoine, operator of the 10,000-pound machine, throws the lever which automatically jolts or...
jars the flask. This helps to pack the sand around the pattern. After the gaggars are set into the sand by Paul Lamoureux, Lucian Lortie and Joe Lemoine next pack the sand even tighter around the pattern by ramming the top of the mold with pneumatic rammers. The pattern is now ready to be withdrawn from the mold. Joe Lemoine must exercise great caution as he starts the mechanism to roll the flask over before withdrawing the pattern; he must be careful because there is some danger that the moving equipment might strike the worker if he does not step out of the way when the air is turned on and the turn-over plate, on which the pattern and mold rest, rapidly swings overhead.

When the pattern is withdrawn and is thrown back into "jolting position" the flask rolls to a conveyor where Varkis Arakelian finishes the mold, sets the cores, and pours the mold. John Zizileuskas, crane operator, then picks up the mold and moves it to one side for cooling and shakeout.

The procedure described is followed on the 6,000-pound Roll-over Machine which is operated by Henry Chenvert. Joseph Geer and Edgar Thibault handle the ramming, and Albert Lortie finishes the mold.

Located in this area are also two 1,500-pound Herman Roll-overs where eight other men, working as a unit, complete 180 molds a day. Such parts as spinning and roving samps, weights, cross frames and couplings are made on these machines. Joseph Benoit and Armand Martin operate the machines that make the molds. Armand Gagnon sets the cores with the assistance of Fred Toney, and Donald Bigwood pours the molds. Stanley Kieron, George Spence, and Mike Zeroogian complete the cycle by dumping the molds, returning the flasks to the machines, and stacking the castings.

Our Foundry within the last few years has been amazingly transformed by becoming almost completely mechanized. The new and additional equipment installed in the Foundry has not only increased production but has lightened considerably the work of the foundryman.

Non-ferrous Foundry

In one corner of our Foundry division is our Non-ferrous Foundry. Although only a small room, approximately 24 feet wide by 50 feet long, it accommodates four men, assisted by one molder in the main Foundry, who turn out all the brass, bronze, and aluminum parts used in our various textile machines. Not only textile parts are made here but also such repair parts as trolleys and trolley wheels. Most of the parts made by these men consist of bushings, bearings, and non-corrosive parts for wet twisters.

Left: Armand Gagnon, the operator of this small Herman Roll-over Machine, fills a flask with sand from an overhead hopper.

Right: Armand rams the sand around the pattern with an electric rammer. The 1,500-pound machine will then roll over, enabling the operator to withdraw the pattern from the mold.
Only castings made from alloys such as brass, bronze or aluminum are made in the Non-ferrous Foundry. These alloys are a composition of other metals, namely, copper, tin, lead, zinc, etc., which are delivered to the Foundry in blocks or "pigs" as they are commonly known. Although a few years ago our plant made its alloys for its own use, such alloys are now purchased and are ready for melting and use upon delivery to the Foundry.

In the Non-ferrous Foundry, there are four oil furnaces that reach a temperature of over 2,000° F. when melting metals. Care must be taken by the melter to see that the alloy does not oxidize through overheating. The metal, when melted, is further tested for temperature which registers on an electrical pyrometer.

Working together on these alloy castings are three molders, Edward Garrity, Albert Guillaume and Wilfred Henderson, a melter, Raymond Sweeney, and a general helper, Ray Crossen. Keeping a watchful eye on this department’s operations is its foreman, Louis Veau.

Added to our list of senior employees in the Foundry are: Ira M. Anthony who has served the Company for 50 years; Mark Haroutunian with 42 years of service; James Connor with 38 years of service; Sarkis Yagazarian and John Lemoine with 33 years of service; Jean Roy with 27 years of service; George Forsythe with 24 years of service and Hessel Schotanus with 20 years of service.

We wish to thank not only Louis Veau but also Walter Pendergast, David Longmuir and Robert Walker for assisting us in compiling the information for these articles.
Historical Notes
on Whitin Machinery Manufacture
1939–1949

(This is the fifth in a series of articles by John Sanderson, Advertising Department, which describe the machines we make in the Whitin Machine Works and the use of such machines in the textile industry.)

Several significant developments occurred in the period 1939–1949 covered in this concluding article. Several lines of new machinery were manufactured; the number of employees increased to approximately 7,000; a subsidiary plant was acquired; a new major technological textile process was explored; and, in addition, large amounts of war goods were produced from 1942-1945 for the Maritime Commission, the Army, and the Navy.

During those war years, practically all of the production facilities of the Shop were used in making airplane magneto, steam engines, turbines, torpedo parts, ammunition, oil pumps, bleeder plugs and flanges. In recognition of the outstanding achievement and excellent high production of war goods, the Whitin Machine Works was given the Maritime Award and Victory Pennant with stars for each additional award. This interruption of textile machinery manufacture was the first in the history of the Shop. Because textile mills of the country were wearing out existing machinery, with no replacements available during the war, the postwar demands became very great and have only recently been met in some machinery lines.

Knitting

Several machines, including two distinctly different types, were introduced to the textile trade before the war. The first of these was the tricot warp knitting machine. This machine had been manufactured in Europe for several years, but in 1939 Whitin first manufactured it in this country. Radically different from all other kinds of Whitin machinery, the warp knitting machine has from 2,000 to 5,000 needles set in a long bar. By an ingenious and highly complicated series of motions, threads are looped and knotted to form a cloth more rapidly than it can be woven on a loom. As a result of expert engineering research and experiment, several new models have been developed, of which the latest are the Model “C” and Model “C2.” Although the number of machines produced is not large, Whitin Warp Knitting Machines have successfully held a leading position in the industry since they were first sold.

Schweiter Winder

In 1940, in order to round out its offering of preparatory machinery, the Whitin-Schweiter Automatic Bobbin Winder was introduced. These high speed automatic winding machines rewind yarn on the small bobbins that are used in the shuttles of looms. The machine consists of a number of individual winder units. It is very versatile, for it can be used on cotton, wool, worsted, rayon, and many other textile fabrics.

In contrast to other types of winders, the Whitin-Schweiter Winder automatically ejects the full bobbin into a receiving chute, puts a chalk mark on each bobbin to identify it, puts a new bobbin in the winding position, and starts rewinding the yarn. Because of its high operating speed and genuine cost-saving features, it had an instant and strong appeal to a large number of mills. As a result of its wide sale, a large department of the Shop is devoted solely to the manufacture of the winder units.

In drawing frames, a distinct and important advance was made in 1941, when Bi-Coil drawing was first sold. By means of a special patented can table, it became possible to coil two slivers into one can without imparting twist to the slivers. This improvement in drawing has become well established in the mills.

Rayon Up-twisters

The rayon and synthetic fiber machinery became an important part of the machinery line soon after its
establishment in 1929 and new models appeared very frequently. By the early 1940's, many of the important producers of synthetic fibers were turning to Whitin for their twisting machinery. Special machinery had to be built for each customer, designed to meet his requirements. The result has been that in this area of synthetic fibers, Whitin has become pre-eminent for the high quality of its machines.

To keep pace with the enormous strides made by the synthetic industry, Whitin has been a great challenge that our engineering and research departments were always able to meet.

For many years textile people have been interested in the possibility of processing wool, worsted, and other long fibers on cotton machinery instead of on the more complicated specially designed machinery which was more expensive. The problem had been studied here extensively and, in the middle 1940's, modified cotton machinery became available for use on other fibers. To make this possible, a great deal of experimentation had to be done, and many changes had to be made in the various cotton carding, roving, spinning, and twisting frames before they could successfully handle other fibers. This system is known as the "American System," and may in future years be an extremely important development in the textile world.

Model "L" Card
Continuing a program of steady improvement and refinement of machinery design, several new models of major machines have been brought out. The Model "L" Card was announced in 1947. This is a very sturdy, accurately machined, high production card, that turns out high quality work, holding delicate setting accurately for longer periods of time than earlier models.

Model "J" Comber
In 1948, the latest comber, the Model "J," was started after nearly ten years of exhaustive and thorough research. Very high operating speeds of 150 nips per minute, coupled with excellent quality production, low maintenance and repair costs, are the more important features of the new comber.

In 1941 a new heavy twister known as the Model "K" Twister was developed. This twister is of the selective trap type for multi-ply yarns such as are used in the carpet industry. War work interfered with its production in any quantity, but,
soon after the end of the war, work was again resumed on it. It is now being installed and is arousing great enthusiasm in carpet mills.

In 1949 a new worsted twister, the Model “R,” appeared. This embodies the principle of the reciprocating ring and spindle rails used earlier on worsted spinning frames. Production on this model has not started, but we are looking forward to its having great success in worsted mills.

Model “KFS” Drawing

A new model revolving top flat card was developed and its manufacture handled on a sub-contract basis with the Fay and Scott Company of Dexter, Maine, starting in the spring of 1946. This new card incorporated many improvements and developments that had accumulated during the war years when card production was at a low level. This Model “L” Card proved to be a great success in the mills and the demand for it grew by leaps and bounds. The work of the Fay and Scott Company was so satisfactory on the cards that they were also asked to assist us in building a new model drawing frame which became known as the Model “KFS.” In July, 1947, Fay and Scott Company, employing approximately 500 people, was acquired by us as a wholly owned subsidiary and has been known since as the Fay Scott Corporation.

After a remarkably long existence of 117 years in one location, under a continuous management, and still engaging in manufacturing the same line—textile machinery—the Whitin Machine Works has become unique in American business history for its accomplishments.

Because of the machines built here by the craftsmen—the grandfathers and great-grandfathers of many of the present-day employees of the Shop—it was possible for the young textile industry of this country to meet the tremendous demands made on it. It was possible to manufacture huge quantities of cloth of all kinds at prices that became steadily lower and lower. The number of people who had the opportunity to work in mills, clothing concerns, stores, and other allied textile establishments, certainly was—and is—in the many millions. Their work and purchasing power in turn provided economic opportunities for countless more.

Thus, in this quiet valley, near “Ye Falls” on the Mumford River, a small enterprise was born in the mind of its founder, Mr. John C. Whitin. Its growth went far beyond his sight, although he saw its success assured. The steady production of superbly built, high quality machinery that met all competition and established the name and reputation of Whitin machinery, was the key to the success of the venture and is the guiding element for today and the future.

Building more than 125 major kinds of textile machinery for practically every known fiber, the Whitin Machine Works has become the first name in textile machinery. Without doubt, it will continue to hold that honored position for many long years to come.
YOUR PART

Sometimes you hear a person say, "I haven’t time to figure out a better way to do my job. Anyway, the way I’m doing it now suits me."
That may be all right on some jobs, but if a company took this attitude, it would be forced out of business. It must improve or perish!
It’s management’s job to find every possible improvement that will cut costs or make a job easier or safer. But it can only do this job with the help of every employee. You are closest to the job. If you believe you have a suggestion, put your ideas into words. Fill out a suggestion blank and mail it to the Suggestion Committee. Your suggestions for improvements can be of real value in making the company strong and jobs secure.

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

Diogenes didn’t look in the right place. Last month Raoul Poulin, of the Planer Department, found more than $2,000 in checks and cash outside of the Freight House door. Raoul, honest fellow that he is, returned his find to its rightful owner, Wilfred Vallee. Wilfred gratefully rewarded Raoul for his honesty.

Whitin Personalities

Albert J. Brown, for 66 years employed in the Core Room and Pattern Loft, has submitted his resignation. Mr. Brown began his long time employment here on February 1, 1883. He started work in the old Core Room, and soon became a first class coremaker. At that time, he sported an old-fashioned handlebar mustache and a black derby. During the summer of 1895, Mr. William H. Cole, the foreman of the Pattern Loft, became ill and needed an assistant. Albert Brown became that assistant. Upon the death of Mr. Cole in October of 1896, A. J. Brown was appointed foreman. As Mr. Brown’s waistline grew, so did the Pattern Loft. He watched the number of patterns grow from a few thousand to over 300,000.

Mr. A. J. Brown is one man who will never be forgotten by those who knew him. He is liked by all and has numerous friends both in the Shop and on the outside. He devoted his life to his work and was extremely happy at it. The only thing he enjoys more than working in the Pattern Loft is raising flowers, which he does with great success.

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This little fellow is the year-old son of Bernard Adams of the Production Department.

Cheryl Anne LeBlanc is the daughter of Edward and Ruby LeBlanc.

All George wanted for Christmas was his two front teeth. He is the son of Lewis Peters.

Margaret is the 15-month-old daughter of John Cichonski of the Packing Job.

Beverly Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Florent Reith. Florent works on the Gear Job.

David Brown had this picture taken when he was one year old. Charles, his father, works in the Supply Room.

Rene Lariviere is six months old and the grandson of Juliette Druon of the Roll Job.

This is Arthur Broadhurst, Jr., three years old. Arthur’s father works in Time Study.

Joyce, seven years old, and Linda, four years old, are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Solina. John works on the Comber Job.

Steven admires his birthday cake. Steve is the son of Varkis Asadoorian, Core Room.

Patricia, two and one-half years old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Decoteau.

Donald Connors at two years, He is the son of John Connors of the Supply Room.

Little David Suydam is the nephew of Belle Thibeault of the Supply Room.

George Visbeck, 17-month-old grandson of George Visbeck of the Spindle Job.

Also members of our huge Whitin family are the youngsters shown on these pages.
Mary Ampagoomian is the granddaughter of Oscar Ampagoomian of the Winder Job.

Pamela is the daughter of Ruth Payson Lewis. Ruth worked in the Repair Dept.

Paul is the eight-month-old son of Armand Rocheford of the Packing Job.

Everett and Ronald are the sons of Herbert J. Brown of Department 414.

James, Jr., three-month-old son of James Forsythe, Sr., of the Packing Job Office.

Bradley is 15 months old and the son of Bradley Walley of the Planer Job.

James McQuilkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester McQuilkin. Ghet works in the Tool Crib on 411.

"Sonny" Carter at eight months. He is the son of Austin Carter of the Foundry.

Audrey, Earl, and Michael range in ages from three years to six and one-half years. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence. George works in the Foundry.

Jackie Small is the four-year-old daughter of Leo Small of Stockroom 18.

Sandra and Stephen's father, Thaddeus Lewandowski, works on the Gear Job.

Janice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rein. Carl works in Department 420.

Little John, Jr., is the son of John Walmley of the Packing Job.

Deborah Mae, five and one-half months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hoekstra.

Judith Ann is the daughter of Alfred Matte who works in the Production Department.
April is rather a late month to be reading about basketball and just when the major leagues open up too, but there should be a summary of the past season. Especially as it was one of the most successful.

The Community League ran pretty well to form with the C.I.O. club gaining the league lead about midway in the season with the P.A.A. in runner-up position. The big scramble was in the third and fourth positions. The Avakian Shell team strengthened up considerably after losing seven in a row and were able to squeeze into third place by one game over Fred’s Restaurant. The Shaughnessy system of play-offs eliminated Avakian’s and Fred’s leaving the C.I.O. and the P.A.A. battling for the championship. The first game was a humdinger as hundreds of fans will acknowledge. The score changed leads numerous times and with less than two seconds to go the score was knotted at 49-all. Dick Kirby, who played a starring game for the C.I.O. was awarded two free throws. He cashed the first one, waived the second shot, the ball was thrown into play from the center line and the game was over, leaving the fans as limp as the night the P.A.A. won their second game over Fred’s in the semi-finals. Fred’s led by one point with seconds to go when Harley Buma let fly a one-hander from the middle of the Gym floor to win the game by one point.

Community League Champions—C.I.O. Front row, left to right: Oskar Asadoorian, Richard Kirby, Paul Doonan, John McCann. Back row: Manager John Andonian, William Brosnihan, John McGill, Joe Monteiro, Vinny Dwyer, Joseph Durkin, Coach Charles Malkasian. Charles Ginty was absent when the picture was taken.

Statistics are grim reading as a rule but I think you might be interested in a few figures concerning the past season. There were 60 games played in 28 nights from November 29 to March 19. Over ten thousand fans witnessed these games.

I had a list posted in the Gym showing the leading scorers but I don’t believe that many saw it so in case there develop arguments later on as to the high scorers here is a partial list. This is for the regular season and does not include play-off games. Theodore (Avakian) 254 for a percentage of 19.5, Ryan (Dwyer’s) 332 for a 17.6 percentage. Red Coyle (Avakian) 184 for a 16.1 percentage and Jack Ratcliffe (P.A.A.) 262 for a 13.1 average per game. Monteiro (C.I.O.) had 180 points for a game percentage of 12.8.

Although the actual playing season was over on March 19 everyone showed up for the banquet at the Gym on April 7. Sam Currie acted as toastmaster and introduced the guest speakers. Boston College basketball coach, Gen. Al McClellan was the leading speaker. Other headtable speakers included Gus Cervini, former H. C. basketball coach in Luke Driscoll’s day and now a noted football official, and Al Banx and Frank Crotty from the Worcester papers spoke in their usually humorous vein. Trophies given by Mr. Hugh Bolton were presented to the C.I.O. club as winners of the regular season and also for winning the play-offs. The P.A.A. was presented a trophy for runner-up position.

The Church League, organized among the high school boys, found the Congregational team winner in both the first and second halves. The first half ended in a three-way tie and if the Congos had lost their last scheduled game the second half would have ended the same way. The boys on the winning team were presented gold medals by the Gym and jackets were given each boy by the Congregational church and Mae Ben’s of Worcester donated a trophy at a special gathering on April 5.
HOBBY—EACH NIGHT IS AN
Adventure into Space

You may have heard of people called "radio amateurs" who talk over the air waves at all hours of the day and night, you may have heard them yourself on your all-wave radio receiver or read about them in your newspaper after some flood, tornado, or hurricane in which they rendered great public service. What is amateur radio? It is direct private contact over the air from your own home on radio apparatus you have purchased, or built yourself, with other amateurs so equipped.

"Ham radio," as it is generally called, is a universal hobby which gives adventure, variety, experimentation, and hours of enjoyment.

Each night is a new adventure into space. An amateur's station is sometimes an elaborate affair, but more often an inexpensive outfit assembled at home in spare moments. Each becomes a modern Aladdin's lamp. You never know when you sit down to your transmitter for a few minutes after work, what those few minutes will bring. Perhaps it may be a friendly chat with neighboring "hams" in your own state or any one of the 48 states. Perhaps it may be a contact with an Englishman, a Brazilian, an Australian, or even an American soldier in Germany.

Four radio "hams" are now employed in the Shop: Dick Burch of Department 446, Bill Baron of Department 464, Eddie Rice of Department 465, and Jim Sheldon of Department 455. Bill Baron is the oldest "ham" of the four, having had his license since 1933. He has talked both by code and voice to more than 2,000 radio amateurs, many of them in foreign countries.

Dick and Bill live in the same town and talk to each other every night at 7:30 p.m. Sometimes it's just to "chew the rag" or to test some new changes they have made.

Some of you may have heard the radio "hams" on your all-wave receiver say, "This is W1 . . ." or "W2 . . ." You may have heard "VE2 . . ." or "VK2 . . ." also. These are location numbers and letters. The United States is zoned off into 10 call areas and operators in the United States use the letter "W." Numbers one to 10 denote which part of the country the station is in. New England is in the first call area, or district "W1," the Southern states are "W4," the Middle West is "W8," "W9," and "W10," and the West Coast is "W6," "W7," etc. Canada uses "VE," England "G," and Australia "VK." By his call letters, you can tell just where the other fellow is.

Radio amateurs are not wholly confined to "rag chewing" over the air waves. There are hundreds of radio clubs whose members get together once a week or so to swap ideas. There are also, every year, several hundred conventions in various parts of the country where radio "hams" gather, some meeting each other in person for the first time.

To be a radio amateur, you must have a license to operate. This license is given to you free of charge by the Federal Communication Commission for the advancement of radio—providing you can pass the test.

This test is comparatively simple. It consists of the ability to send and receive Morse code at the slow rate of 13 five-letter words a minute, a basic knowledge of electricity, and an elementary knowledge of how a simple receiver and a simple transmitter work. This may sound hard, but it isn't if you do a little serious studying. Anyone with a little initiative can become a radio amateur, regardless of age. There are hundreds of small boys and girls who have passed this test. One 15-year-old boy in East Douglas already has his license. Bill Baron helped his own father-in-law to get his license. There are many instances where father, mother, and children all have their own licenses and call letters.

This, we hope, will give you some answer to the question, "What is amateur radio?" If there is anyone in the Shop interested in this fascinating hobby, we understand that Bill Baron, Eddie Rice, Dick Burch, or Jim Sheldon will be glad to supply you with any information you would like.

Bill Baron is shown talking over the air to one of his radio friends in Hopedale. Dick Burch, looking on, is also a radio amateur in Douglas.
A new pumping engine has replaced the old Seagrave engine at the Whitinsville Fire Department. This new equipment was made by the Seagrave Co., who have a long and successful record as manufacturers of fire fighting equipment. Like its predecessor, it has been christened Engine One. This pumper delivers 1,000 gallons of water per minute at a pump pressure of 150 pounds. The pump itself is a two stage, parallel-series unit driven by a V12 Model 66-E gasoline engine with complete dual ignition.

Water can be supplied to the pump from a hydrant through a five-inch hard suction pipe, or can be “drafted” from a pond or water hole having the necessary capacity. Discharge is through one to four lines of two and one-half inch hose.

A water tank containing 140 gallons of water is built into the body of the truck. At the rear are two reels, each carrying 200 feet of three-quarter-inch booster hose. This part of the equipment is useful for grass or chimney fires where other sources of water are not available. In addition, the body of the truck will carry 1,000 feet of two and one-half inch double jacket, rubber lined fire hose.

All operations of the pumper at a fire are controlled from a panel on the left side of the truck. Here gauges indicate pump pressure, hose line pressures, and vacuum. An auxiliary throttle controls the engine and an adjustable pressure governor keeps the pressure equal in the hose lines whether one or four are in use at the same time.

An enclosed cab for the driver and officers, and an extended rear cowl to protect members of the company during the run to a fire, indicate this piece of apparatus as being of the very latest design.

Carbon dioxide and Dugas dry extinguishers are carried for use on electrical or small oil fires. Fog nozzles are available for larger oil fires. A 24-foot extension ladder, a 14-foot roof ladder, and a pike pole are carried on one side of the body.

In accordance with a recent state law, two self-generating oxygen masks will be carried as standard equipment. A series of metal compartments on either side of the pumper, and just above the hose storage area, provide containers for the fire fighting clothing of the 15 men and two officers who make up the company.

This new pumper was recently tested at Riley’s Pond by the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association and found to comply with the specifications in every way.

First test: Two hours, pumping 1,030 gallons per minute at 155 pounds pump pressure. Second test: Thirty minutes pumping 716 gallons per minute at 203 pounds pressure. Third test: Thirty minutes pumping 510 gallons per minute at 283 pounds.

APRIL, 1924

W. P. Montgomery of the Production Department established a new high three-string record on Friday, February 15 at the Rockdale Alleys when he rolled a three-string total of 370, consisting of individual strings of 127, 121, and 122. The former record was 352.

Frank Shugrue of the Foundry will be glad to show his samples of clothing to anyone desiring a suit. He is local agent for the Style Center suits. His prices are $31.50 and $49.50. The fit is guaranteed.

Plans are under way to reorganize the Triangle Industrial Baseball League this season, and invitations to join the league are being considered by the following companies: American Optical, Slater's, Chase Mills, Norton, Hamilton Woolen, Whittin Machine Works, Whittall Carpet, and Millville Rubber Works.

In the feature section of the Providence Journal for Sunday, March 23, almost half a page is devoted to a picture and a most interesting discussion of our fifty-year veterans.

"Half a century of continuous work," says the writer, "in one establishment is a record of note. Few shops can boast of more than one who have achieved the distinction. But up in Whitinsville, Mass., it is commonplace."

"In the plant of the Whitin Machine Works there are so many employees who have exceeded 50 years on their jobs, that if they were organized into a social club, they would be one of the leading organizations. These veterans of continuous industry have established for the company a record which is believed to be unmatched in the annals of American manufacturing."

BOLSTER JOB
by Bizar Hagopian

Armand Lavallee, Department 438, recently returned to his job after serving on a jury in Woonsocket for several weeks. Armand found jury work very interesting.

Lost, a partly-finished crocheted chair back set, in the Bolster Job ladies' locker room. Will the finder please return to Lorraine B. Porter, Department 438.

A surprise visit to Department 438 was paid by Thomas Park, a former employee who retired several years ago. Tommie, who is enjoying good health, tells us he has made plans to take a trip to England some time in May to visit a brother and several nieces and nephews. One of his nephews is a comedian acting on the stage in England. We are always glad to welcome any of our retired shopmates.

Walter Lemeshevsky and Archie Gigargian of Department 438 have certainly had some tough luck this past month. Walter had an automobile accident that landed him in the Cushing General Hospital in Framingham. He suffered a very bad cut over his eye and was bruised up a bit. Walter is making a rapid recovery and is expected back to work soon. Archie was beaten up and robbed of his wrist watch and his wallet containing $80 by four men he met and befriended in a cafe in Rhode Island. He was taken to the Rhode Island Hospital and later discharged.

JOBBERING, INSPECTION, AND NEEDLE DEPTS.
by Celia Kellihier

Helen Lyman, assistant supervisor, has returned to her duties after a recent illness. We are glad to have you back with us Helen.

May West, of Department 428, has returned home after a recent operation. We are happy to report she is on the road to recovery.

Department 489 is wondering whether or not Curt Card has obtained a fishing license for the coming season. Curt, remember that big splash last year. Don't forget that the depth of Riley's Pond is unsurmountable.

Joseph Duda, who has been with us for the past two months, has returned to his former employ at the Schuster Mill, E. Douglas. Members of Department 489 wished Joe the best of luck and presented him with a wallet.

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This is the Dry House, where the lumber used for packing textile machines is seasoned. The expensive California pine, maple, birch, cherry and magnolia comes from all over the United States and Canada—and even from as far as Finland. Operated with steam, dry air, and fans at temperatures of 240° and higher, the Dry House runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will hold 16 lumber cars, drying as much as 36,000 feet of lumber at one time

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YARD & OUTSIDE CREWS
by Bill Scanlon

McNelly has been noticed checking his fishing outfit. Sally Jones had better watch out for his laurels. Mac is going in for fishing in a big way this year. . . . The boys of Charlie Commons’ department wish those that have gone into the Shop and changed jobs the best of luck.

Gerry Lamontagne has been boasting about the pulling power of his new car. But it took one of the fellows from his department with a considerably older car to show him how to climb Craggy Peak. Next time, Gerry, take a rope.

Pete Prymak had an unusual job one day recently. He and Bill Boileau were moving patients at the hospital and Pete was asked to move 200 pounds of diapers. That’s more than most women handle in a lifetime!

FOUNDRY
by Frederick MacDonald

February 28, 1949—the night of the big snow storm—Pat Goggins, who works for Department 402 repairing the various machines in the Foundry, trudged to town for a can of tobacco. (It seems that men who smoke won’t let anything stop them from getting their tobacco.) On the way back, Pat stopped at the fire station to get warmed up and dried out. The boys were in a playful mood that night, for when Pat turned his back, one of them switched his tobacco can for a can of tomato juice. Oblivious to what had happened, Pat took home what he thought was tobacco and put it near his clothes so he wouldn’t forget to take it to work the next morning. It wasn’t until Pat was at work the next morning that he realized the switch had taken place. All day, Pat had to borrow tobacco from the men in the Foundry. (I understand that Pat finally got his tobacco back and that everything is normal again.)

Gordon Dore, timekeeper, is at his home recuperating from a recent illness. He is expected to be back at work by the time this is printed. The first week or so Gordon was on the sick list, Walter Pendergraft, supervisor of the Herman Machines, made it pretty rough for Ralph Levesque, Gordon’s assistant. Ralph kept his nose to the Friden calculator trying his darndest to get the payroll up to the front office on time—and to get it there with a minimum of mistakes. All week long, Walter kept reminding Ralph that when Friday came, he would stand outside the door and let one man into the office at a time. Ralph, putting the payroll through on his own for the first time, half expected that Walter would have to do just that. But, when Friday came, everyone got a big surprise. There were only two mistakes in the whole payroll. Since that time, Ralph has been holding up admirably under the strain, and Walter has been quite busy out in the Foundry.

Mrs. Chester Flinton, who bakes sand all day in the Foundry Sand Lab, bakes at home almost every night—but not sand, of course. This lamb cake was baked in two sections in a heavy cast aluminum mold and took about an hour to frost and decorate.

The two Foundry politicians, Louis Covino of Milford and Henry Forgett of Bellingham, have retrieved their respective hats from the political ring for the present. Better luck next time, boys.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS
by “Rusty” Malkasian

They tell me, via the grapevine, that John Bosso went out night-clubbing to celebrate a C.I.O. basketball victory. The master of ceremonies at the exclusive night club asked for volunteers to assist in his act. John trotted up like a hero, not thinking what might be in store for him, to help the m.c. with the act. The m.c. attached a couple of straps to his hair, fastened them around John, and proceeded to twirl John around through the air for several minutes. That’s what you call being all up in the air. I think that in the future John will be a little more careful about donating his services for floor show work.

As you all know, the basketball season in town has just come to a close and the C.I.O. Ball Club won the championship after a hard fight from P.A.A. On behalf of the team, I want to thank our friends and supporters who cheered for us throughout the season and helped make it a success.

Jean Dorsey of the Automatic Chuck Job has brought Department 418 out of hiding and into the limelight with the following items:

Charlie Skaff, our timekeeper, has bought himself a new car—if that’s what you want to call it. Charlie says it’s guaranteed to run downhill. (It’s a 1935 Dodge.)

Ben Skillen, who has been a set-up man for the past 35 years, is on a well-deserved rest. Here’s wishing you a speedy recovery, Ben.

“Peaches” De Monte is still wearing the green ribbon on his hat from St. Patrick’s Day. No doubt he’s saving it for next year.

Al Brodeur is still having those sleepless nights. Who wouldn’t with twins to take care of?

Lloyd Colwell, our planner, carries his lunch every day. It consists of five or six sandwiches, fruit cup, an orange or an apple, peanut butter crackers, and other things too numerous to mention. When noon time rolls around he is usually headed toward the Cafeteria. Is it from all the exercise you get, Lloyd?

Mike Courtemanche is still suffering from a nervous reaction caused by his wife’s heavy foot on the accelerator of his new Chevrolet. It seems that Helen (his wife) tried dusting his shiny new fender with another car recently.

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WINDER JOB
by “Dorsay” Devlin

When Maggie Profitt reads this column, she will realize that her fears of the past few weeks have been useless. Maggie gave rushing to me one day recently, very much upset, with a story that Mal Pearson, the Plant photographer, had taken her picture. She hoped he wouldn’t print it in the Spindle because he caught her unawares and she had no time to primp up. I promised to do what I could, and upon investigation, discovered that Mal was not taking pictures of any personnel, but merely photographing a winder unit.

Bob Lucas has left the job to sign up in professional baseball. Lucas, a rangy southpaw, who is built along the lines of Lefty McDermott of the Red Sox, has been picked up by Rock Hill in the South Carolina Tri-State League, a Class B enterprise. Good luck, Bob, and may your rise to great heights be a speedy one.

Celia Donaldson has supplied me with an item from the “Worcester County Farmer” which may be of interest to local gardeners. The heading of the editorial, “Whitin Gardens in the Spotlight,” reads as follows: “Start with a community that likes to grow things. Add water-tight cooperation between factory heads and employees. Then ginger up this mixture with white-hot rivalry, and you’ve the secret of the finest amateur gardens in Worcester County. "The National Garden Institute of New York believes they’re among the country’s best for one of the two awards they’ve made in New England this season has just come to the Whitin Home Garden Club of Whitinsville. The certificate was given in recognition of an important contribution to the national garden program.”

Odds and Ends: Additional service pin awards made this month were to Oliver Baker, 25 years; Thomas Brundage, 15 years; and Annie Londergan, five years. . . . Thelma Auclair has been added to the office force. . . . Alice Elisey and Stella Ingham are on sick leaves of absence. . . . Joe Carfagno has returned to work after a long stay in the hospital.

PICKERS AND DRAWING
by Sid Miedema

Clarence Peterson has returned to this department after three months at 429 learning the ins and outs of Job Planning. We know that Clarence will do a good job here.

The Fords are out front in Department 421 with Felix Kempinsky and John Cunha as the owners. They will be kept in their garages until May or June as Felix and John don’t like this wet snow we’ve been having.

Rose Shenian now has her five-year pin and feels like one of the family.

Looking in the trash barrels is not a must for the Production Department expediters, but that is where Jim W. Marshall was seen looking for a lost casting. Witness: John Skeary.

Joan Woodall has transferred to Crib 16 for clerical work from the Production office.

Harold Barnes, supervisor of Crib 16, is now flashing around the department wearing Hollywood sweaters and neckties. Henry Cant may get a few ideas from Harold.

Albert Lemay’s broken arm has now healed. He’s back to work after three months.

Dan Hill, a long-time employee, has given up being a machinist and is now in charge of the tool crib in Department 448.

ROVING ERECTING
by John Wilson

We understand that our golf champ, Jack Routh, has been practicing on Jim Connors’ lawn. Jack is not only an artist at golf, but also on skis . . . . Shamrocks were well displayed on St. Patrick’s Day by Jim Connors, Walter Kennedy, Bill Collins, and Pete Gauvin. . . . Our pizza king, John A. Ciccone, has the best pizza this side of Barre. Thanks, John, we enjoyed them.

Yodeling is the latest attraction for Romeo Gauthier. We thought for a while that he would be another Perry Como, but he fooled us. . . . That new automobile that headed south was only Bob Romasco and Ed Dennett on another trip. Good luck, boys. . . . James Liberty is looking for a high chair so he can get into the stock trucks without the help of George Armstrong. . . . Jim Connors is still waiting for the crate of oranges from “Windy” Adams. He received the cigarettes.

SPINDLE JOB
by Joe Hickey

Bill Rivet of 439 has returned to his home in Linwood after a stay of several weeks at Memorial Hospital, Worcester. We hope that Bill’s recovery will be very rapid. . . . Frank Magowan is back on the job and feeling much better after being laid up for several weeks.

All the fishermen are wondering whether or not Ovila Gervais will become the champ of the Spindle Job since he invested in a new fishing outfit.

Francis Joslin of the Inspection Department is back at work following a two-week honeymoon trip to South Carolina.

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COTTON MILL  
by Louise Sohigian

Congratulations to William Moore from Department 450. We hear he was appointed constable in Millbury. . . . We all miss Lillian Roberts who is out sick. We hope that she will be back with us soon.

Harry Malkasian has long been known for his good-looking cars. He's now sporting a 1949 Oldsmobile convertible. It certainly is a beauty! . . . The newly-organized social club in Department 450 is progressing very nicely. We hear they are planning a trip in a month or so.

Everybody in Department 451 is certainly glad when his birthday comes around for Timekeeper Gladys Hickey presents each one with a beautiful cake. Everyone agrees that she bakes the best cakes they have ever eaten.

ROLL JOB  
by Harold O'Connell

Since Harvey Departie bought a new television set he has plenty of friends visiting him at his home in Uxbridge. One Saturday night recently, "Kiko" (as he is known to the Roll Job) not finding a vacant chair, retired for the night, leaving the house to his friends. They ate and drank everything in the house. Harvey said he is going to install bleachers and sell hot dogs hereafter.

Guido Gironini, who is employed on the night shift, paid the boys a visit recently. Guido was hospitalized in Milford Hospital for the past three months. He isn't expected to return to work for at least three more weeks. Glad to see you looking so well, Guido.

Jacob Jelensma has returned to work after an absence of three months. Jacob spent most of his time vacationing in Tampa, Fla. and touring the state of Alabama.

The Selectmen in Clinton are going to put red lights on their fire hydrants. It seems that Robert Dippold crashed into a fire hydrant directly in front of the Police Station in that town recently on the way home from work, knocking over the hydrant and starting a small fire on the main street. The cops tagged Bob for parking too near a hydrant.

The Roll Job standing in the Shop Bowling League is six games won and 16 games lost. They are firmly entrenched in the cellar. So you see, girls, why the boys won't bowl with you.

On St. Patrick's Day, there were several Irish songs played over the amplifier system. After all the Irish songs, a French record was put on. Edward Driscoll is investigating to see if Arthur Ballangeron requested that French song. (We wonder if Edward Driscoll knows that St. Patrick was French.)

Joseph Gnaidok, our bearing straightener, had to walk to Linwood recently because his wife got mixed up on the time. She was supposed to meet him at the Shop. Never mind, Joe, a little walking will put you in trim for the Softball League.

Happy birthday wishes: Anna Baca, Joseph Jacques, Taקט Baker, and Albert Gill.

WOOD PATTERNS AND GENERAL MACHINING  
by Clarence Visser

A meeting of the Social Benefit Club of 423 was held recently at the Portuguese-American Club in Forestdale, R. I. Officers elected were: Lc Tarvis, president; John Drainville, vice-president; James Magowan, treasurer and secretary.

The Patternmakers League held a supper and entertainment at the Whitinsville Fish and Game Clubhouse, Thursday night, March 17. They had as guests a group from the Milford organization. Ralph Houghton, chairman, was in charge of arrangements.

SCREW JOB  
by Sylvia Simonian

The Scotts, Deanes, and Reillys represented the Irish on St. Patrick's Day very well. But we have our doubts about Dick Conlee. He claims he's Irish, but he didn't have any green on.

Down here on 411 many of the workers are participating in the "What's My Name" contest. Bill Peddem is on top of the list. A short while ago a picture of a man with white hair and a mustache was shown. The hint was given that he dug the most commercial canal in the world. Our quiz kid, Connie Blouin, took Bill aside and said, "Bill, I'll give you just one hint. The name of the canal is Guadaleanum." It took quite a while before Bill caught on to Connie's sense of humor.

A business meeting of the Sick Benefit Club took place at the Fire Station recently.

Do you remember the Woodside Club? This photograph shows a few of the Club's members taken thirty-five years ago. Front row, left to right: Jack Moranie, Potter, Pat Duggan. Back row: Thomas Fitzpatrick, Thomas Gardner, William McNeill and George Gardner.

After the meeting a social took place with delicious food and a wonderful entertainment provided by the Sutton Soap Savers. Joe Goyette with his "Batiste the Wood Chopper" and a recitation by Nick Hooyenga completed the evening.

SPINNING FLOOR AND CARD ERECTING  
by Francis J. Horan

Many of our retired employees would be impressed by the number of changes that have been made throughout the Shop in the last year or two. One of the latest is the new fire wall separating the building housing the spinning set-up floor and the old speeder building. Hope no one gives us the old quip about "Stone walls do not a prison make."

Most of the outside interest on the Job at this writing is in wondering who is going to win the bowling league championship. Ben Scott's team was knocked off the top perch by Ray Roche's MARAUDERS and Harry Cornell's team slipped into first place by a lead of one point. These two teams will meet in the final match and this should be a real battle. The boys have been pepped up during the last few matches and the tension is high. "Buster" Bromley became so excited trying to steer a spare over that he kicked one of the large ash trays on its side and had to take time out to do a little cleaning with a dust pan and brush.

A vote has been taken for the site of the banquet and the majority favored the Colonial in Webster. More about this later.

Have heard a lot of nice comments about Alfred Benoit, formerly of the Polishing Job, our new policeman. On busy Church Street, he has been seeing to it that the women shoppers can at least get across the street by holding up the traffic for them.

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A group of 26 students from the Lowell Textile Institute was taken on a conducted tour of the plant in February. Carl Brandt, Richard Rollinson, and Ted Watson explained our manufacturing methods in the various departments. As part of their training at the Institute the students visit various textile mills and manufacturing plants throughout New England.

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**DRAFTING ROOM**

Bob Wirth, a former employee of the Drafting Room, informed us in a letter that recently he was in the company of Lana Turner. Bob left us last summer to further his education at a school in California.

Bob McCallum caught a mouse the other day in the Drafting Room and put it in a waste paper basket. Warner Tabor, feeling sorry for the poor mouse, told Bob to give the mouse half a chance to get away. Bob stood by with a broom, Warner tipped the basket, and out came the mouse. Bob tried to hit it with the broom—but managed to hit Tabor on the big toe instead. Was it worth all your trouble, Warner?

Kenneth Piper informs us that his son Kenneth, who was seriously burned a month ago, is doing well in St. Vincent's Hospital. We in the Drafting Room wish him a speedy recovery.

**MAIN OFFICE**

The Main Office Girls' Club honored two of its members at a dinner, Thursday evening, March 17, at the Uxbridge Inn. Ruth Wilcox presented Marie Gronval, who is leaving to take up residence in Detroit, Mich., with a purse, and Evelyn Fedema was presented the same by Mary Moreau. Evelyn was married on Thursday, March 24. Our best wishes go with both girls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Loredo were greatly surprised on Thursday evening, March 19, by a housewarming party given them by members of the Spanish classes. The Loredos have just started housekeeping at 63 Cottage Street, Whittinsville.

**NUMBER TWO OFFICE**

Bob Premo is getting ribbed about his "Florida tan." It seems that he has acquired a sun lamp and has fallen asleep under it several times. . . . The office welcomes Eileen Andrews of Whittinsville. . . . Theresa Kneeland of this office and her husband John, of the Foundry office, are having more than their share of hard luck. Married six months ago, they just recently moved into an apartment. A week afterwards, John contracted blood poisoning. Last week Theresa was rushed to the hospital. We hope that things will be better soon.

**PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT**

Virginia Sparhawk, of the Balance of Stores section, was tended a shower at the Klondike Inn, March 10. Virginia, who will marry Clarence Hayward on April 26, was presented with three beautiful lamps by her co-workers.

"Everybody wants to get into da act." Just because Hazel Creighton made the SPIN-LE last month, Shirley Burke tried the same stunt—but decided that the bruises weren't worth it. Ere long, that section of the office will be called "Currie's Flying Cuties."

One little luncheon gathering will be minus a member from now on. Marie Hoekstra has left us to go on active duty with the Waves. We in wishing Marie a very bright future in the service of Uncle Sam.

Many employees of the Production Department were awarded service pins during the past month. Among those who have the longest records are Lester Derrmy, 30 years, and Johnny Steele, 25 years. There were several other awards ranging from five to 20 years. "Gummy" was witnessing the award ceremony and passed the remark that all the recipients were "youngsters," until F. O. (by mistake, of course) awarded "Doc" Coquillard a 55-year pin. "Gummy" was quick to announce that "there isn't any such pin."

Sports enthusiasts will be watching the progress of young Chet Nichols of the Boston Braves. Chet was with the Whitin club last year, and was a former Production Department employee. According to training camp reports, Chet is well thought of by the Braves management and his many friends in Whittinsville join in wishing him the very best of luck.

We understand the Pyramid Club craze has really hit this locality. Any day now you'll be seeing mink coats, Cadillacs, etc., by the dozens, due to the receipts from the Pyramid Club.

The regular season for the Bowling League has ended, so we anxiously await the outcome of the roll-offs. Dick Cunningham's team, winner of the first half, will meet Andy Magill's gang for the championship. Both captains say they are ready for the battle. Andy lost the championship last year, so he is determined to get it this year. In fact, he lost to the same Dick Cunningham so, as Andy puts it, "revenge will be sweet." Dick has other ideas and he says he really isn't fussy who he beats as long as it's Andy.

With the baseball season near at hand, the experts are currently getting in shape for the best arguments you ever heard. Some of them—Vic Romasco and Bill Linkow (Yanks), "Pucker" Kane (Cleveland), Adam Davidson (Red Sox), and "Varky" Egsjian (Detroit)—already are hoisting the pennant flags over their ball parks. You will notice that these are all American League teams, which causes the comment from Roy Guillett, Henry Mitchell and Bill Libbey, "What about the National League?" The American League routers reply, "We don't care who wins that league—the American League will win the World Series." This should be a most interesting season.

**WAGE STANDARDS**

Happy birthday wishes for March go to: June Froh, Vickie Giganjion, Johnny Romasco, Don Amiro, Matty Rosko, Kay Coady, Babe Rosa, and Howard Sears.

The welcome mat is out for Robert Kenny of Hartford, Conn. . . . The Englishman, Ed Haworth, and his troops has joined our Annex, called the "Bullpen." . . . Ken Mattson has rejoined our department after spending several weeks training at the Boston Naval Reserve School of Engineering . . . The department has said adieu to Frances Nedoroseik who left our office on March 25.

Martin Trench would like to make a report for the benefit of the roomers of the Blue Eagle Inn. "Less noise from Art Davis and his friends on their return from a 'gay life' in the early morning."

A speedy recovery is wished for Mrs. Avis Farrand, who underwent an operation.

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ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT
by Harry Frisello

Our second hand, Jim Sheldon, spent the week of March 7 at the General Electric plant in Erie, Pa. to look over new equipment and see how things are put together. Learning never ceases in our trade.

Our apologies to Maurie, whose last name is Knaab, and not Knash.

When home movie fans get together, swapping yarns or bargains or what-have-you, you would think they were Cecil B. DeMille of Hollywood. You can expect great things of those boys.

Six of our men are going to Worcester Trade School at night for the University Extension courses on electrical code. Keep up the good work, boys.

The electricians held a stag party in February for George Gigarjian, one of their co-workers. Entertainment was provided by Irving Dalton and Harry Mitchell.

RING JOB
by Everett Gaspar

We extend best wishes to Louis Roy who went to St. Vincent's Hospital for an appendix operation and to Henry Audette who had a minor operation on his foot. Both are reported doing well.

The bowling league is developing into quite a battle between the JOLLY ACES and the SPORTSMEN. The ACES, at this writing, are on top by one point.

CARDS & CARPENTER SHOP
by Rita Deome

The gang at 422 was glad to see Marie Mercier, who recently visited us. Marie was previously employed here and it was nice seeing her again.

Millie Turgeon and John Sotek of the Card Job (together with managers Richard Sanderson, Jr., and Henry Crawford) provided a lot of excitement at the Pythian Alleys on February 23. The second of three matches which will determine the Card Job championship was rolled off. Millie defeated John by 12 pins in the first match but the tables were turned in the second match when John chalked up 302 to win by 11 pins.

Mr. J. Hugh Bolton presented service pins to the following employees: Damas Gaucher of 440, a 30-year pin; Everett Stebbins of 422 and Wilbur Lavine of 440, 25-year pins; Alfred Labrecque of 440, a 15-year pin. Congratulations.

Tommy Stevenson of 422 has bought a new car and is taking driving lessons. Everyone seems surprised and wonders how good a driver Tom is going to be. Mrs. Stevenson says (and I quote), "My husband is doing fine and is going to make a good driver," Unquote. She ought to know, so we'll take her word for it.

BOLT & PLANE DEPTs.
by Ray Woodconne

The Social Club of Department 414 went to Boston March 26, and took in the new ice show, "Ice Chips." . . . Birthday greetings this month go to Alice Bassett, Veronica Mahoney, and Eddie Magiera. . . . Department 412 is glad to see Doris Richard back to work again.

GRINDER JOB
by Dorothy Antoian

If you hear anyone talking about "Al" Pickering—relax. It's none other than our own "Curly." "Curly" used to be a wrestler and went under the name of "Al." Does wrestling explain how you acquired your beautiful hairdo?

Transfers were issued to the following members of this department: John Claffin to Department 437, Philip Brown and Eddie Lamontagne to Department 414, Hestor Suave of the night shift to Depart 429, and Louis Trudeau of the night shift to Department 411. We welcome Eddie Ryan, Russell Claffin, and Albert Robillard of the night shift to the day shift.

Recently Mabel Newton was waxing her kitchen floor and waxed herself into a corner with the radio. All of a sudden a harsh voice shouted, "I've got you where I want you!" Mabel was petrified with fright. Hours later, when she had recovered, Mabel vowed never to wax floors again while listening to murder stories.

METAL PATTERNS
by Bill Prior

Congratulations to John Sohiyian on his fortieth wedding anniversary. He is a pattern maker and one of our older Job members.

The A. F. of L. had a supper on the seventeenth of March at the Rod and Gun Club. As a reporter, I hear from some of the Metal Pattern Makers that Ray Fletcher was trying out his lungs and doing acrobatics at the same time. Harold Warren and Ray Fletcher lived up to the night by doing the Irish Jig together. We didn't think you boys had it in you.

Well, the days are drawing nearer for the baseball season—days of reckoning for a few people in Department 402. The Red Sox bandwagon hasn't any new members. It's still strictly the big four—Harold Warren, Vic Mathurin, Dick Morton, and Bart Shugrue. Cheer up, boys, your days are coming. But now that the basketball season is over, we wonder what Ed Kileline is going to do with his spare time.

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STOCK ROOM 406
by John Mahoney

One day last week Margaret W. Londergan and Irene Leblanc were strutting around flashing what everybody thought were diamonds. However, everyone was fooled as Margaret and Irene had received their Five-Year Service Pins. Congratulations.

If there is anyone in town who needs a helping hand on wash day, please consult John J. Toohey of Department 406. He attributes his talents to his Boy Scout training.

ANNEALING ROOM AND BLACKSMITH SHOP
by Barbara Allen

To whom it may concern: Beware of the little collection box in the Annealing Room office. The notice on it reads: Cursing we have outlawed, for swearing is a sin. So “Button your Lip” or “Pay the Tip,” just drop your pennies in. Proceeds are to go to charity, and you can bet there are plenty of pennies already.

Service pins were awarded during the past month to the following: Andon Asadoorian, a 35-year pin; Benjamin Trajanowski, a 25-year pin; H. Fulasz, a 20-year pin; Francis Veach and Hampar Panosian, 15-year pins; Bert Kroll and H. Brewster, 10-year pins; Armand LaRochelle, Joseph Vallee, Jeremiah Kane, Albert Mornan, Dorothy Seagrave, Anthony Klaezkowski, Vernard Tracy, William Blair, Leo J. Gardner, Pierre Bonvouloir, Leo Bedard, Jr., William Janary, Walter Knapik, John Lerek, William Bernard, 5-year pins.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS
by Norman Deshales

Ed Malhoit, our second hand, celebrated his fifty-fourth birthday on March 23. Happy birthday, Ed . . . Al Dano, who is regarded as one of the best bowlers in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, went night-clubbing to celebrate his thirty-second birthday. Late in the evening, Al met the star of the show and introduced himself as “one of the best bowlers around these parts.” Such modesty, Al . . . Ray Bassett has deserted the Job for the hospital. Here's hoping you're back with us soon, Ray. . . . Why does Dave Clark stare so much at the elevator on Fridays between 10.00 and 11.00? Don’t worry, Dave, if the elevator stops operating the paymaster will always find a way to come upstairs . . . Stanley Pryzbyla used to boast how he could play shuffleboard. Nobody could compete with him. That little matter was taken care of a few days ago. Who's the champion now, Stanley?

GEAR JOB
by Ray LaRochelle

Doc Tancrell, Ken Harrington, Francis Perry and Rosie Rosborough, members of the Rubber-necks bowling team, were given a lesson in bowling last month by Chick Winchell, Jerry LaRochelle, Bernie Skillens and your reporter, members of the Rookies team. Since their defeat the Rubber-necks have been training secretly. It is expected that the next match will draw quite a crowd.

Birthdays celebrated in March: George Cantara, Doris Roy, Bernice Kroll, George O’Rourke, Mary Asadoorian. The granddad of the Job, Bob Allen, celebrated his 72nd birthday on March 14. Your reporter had his nose greased on March 18.

Mrs. Arolyn Dion, employed on this job as an inspector, recently left the department to take up her domestic duties at home.

FREIGHT HOUSE
by Harold Libby

On February 4, James Davis left the Shipping Office to complete his schooling at the New York Institute of Photography. His good-natured humor will be missed by all in this department. James lost a leg in World War II but was always one of our happiest members. A farewell party was tendered him by members of the department at the Edgewood House in Grafton.

February 28 was the date the girls of this office chose to go to Worcester for a dinner. After the dinner they found things in general pretty well snowbound. The storm had been heavier than they had expected. However, with Lena Blanchette at the wheel, they managed to get back to Whitinsville after being stuck in the snow three times. Those attending the party were: Lena Blanchette, Helen O'Brien, Rita O'Brien, and Catherine Murray of Department 417.

Derm Devlin, a familiar figure around the plant, is shown loading one of the many candy machines located throughout the Shop. Derm worked for Whitin prior to accepting a job as a salesman with one of the candy companies.

COMBER JOB
by Hector Chase

Everyone is trying to get rich quick these days, but the best we've heard is about Ed

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Obituaries

Joseph H. Bassett, 59, died February 25 at Memorial Hospital, Worcester. A native of Troy, N. Y., he lived almost his entire life in Whitinsville. He was employed as a machinist at the Whitin Machine Works for 43 years. Our condolences are extended to the members of his family.

Department 438 extends its sympathy to Armand Lavallee upon the deaths of his father and mother.

We are sorry to report the death of Francis Gniadek, who died in Linwood, March 19. Our sympathy is extended to members of his family.

Department 426 extends its sympathy to Russell and John Claffin upon the deaths of their father and grandfather.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of John Siriskey of Department 424. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family. 
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Jones. He was so anxious to get to the Pyramid Club meeting one night that after he left the Shop and got home, he found himself with one brown and one black shoe. Ed was thinking so much about piling up that money that he forgot to change both shoes. You got off on the wrong foot, Ed.

Sylvia A. Kooistra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koosita, is touring the East with members of the Radio Choir of the Back to God Hour, visiting Cleveland, Detroit, Paterson, Whitinsville, and Rochester. The choir has a program every Sunday noon on WEAN, Providence. Sylvia is a freshman at Calvin College. She worked in the Production Department this past summer.

The department feels sure that Mrs. Norman Stanley will be able to bank another dollar this month as there will be no toy to buy. Fire Company Number One has a new fire truck and Norman is so well satisfied with it that all he talks about is the fire truck.

CORE ROOM
by Francis Shugrue

The following men received 30-year pins during the past month: Kasper Hagopian, Martin O' Day, John Martin, Garabed Bedrosian, Martin Sharkey, Abraham Ovian, Louis Picerski, and Thomas Dorey. Twenty-five year pins were given to Amede Ledoux, Byron Mamoth, and Stephen Ezegalian.

Margaret O'Brien shouldn't be in such a hurry to answer the telephone at home. Margaret fell downstairs at her home recently and spent a week in bed with a sprained back. Be more careful in the future, Margaret, the boy friend will wait. Ronny Emery was home for a few weeks with a broken bone in his hand, and John Nealon was out for a week with an infected arm.

The chief topics of conversation and discussion in the Core Room these days are the Aladdin houses and the Pyramid clubs.

Matthew Roszko, Wage Standards, married to Grace Knipe, March 1.

George Kevorkian, Foundry, married to Mary P. Mele in the Sacred Heart Church, Milford, February 22.

Everett Bishop, Jr., Blacksmith Shop, married to Annie Yanski, in the Polish National Catholic Church, February 26.

Leo St. Jean, Department 418, engaged to Theresa Bouley of Woonsocket, R. I.

Pauline Roy, Department 446, engaged to Frank Delibero.

Mary Asadoorian and Leo Laverdiere engaged in February. Mary and Leo are employed on the Gear Job.

To Carlton Windham, of Department 420, and Mrs. Windham, a daughter, Sharon, born March 5.

To John Drainville, Department 423, and Mrs. Drainville, a daughter, born March 15.

To Donald Sullivan, Department 445, and Mrs. Sullivan, a daughter, February 27.

To Omer Guertin, of the Foundry, and Mrs. Guertin, a daughter, Susan Janet.

To Harry Hem, of Department 404, and Mrs. Hem, a daughter.

To Henry Wood, of Department 470, and Mrs. Wood, a daughter, Linda Joyce, born March 10.

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To Leonard Skeery, of Department 485, and Mrs. Siquey, a daughter, Dotte Jean, born March 14.

To Norman Wood, of Department 412, and Mrs. Wood, a son, born March 20.

To Maurice Valois, of Department 417, and Mrs. Valois, a daughter, Louise Anne, born March 16.

To Gerard Sarette, of the Blacksmith Shop, and Mrs. Sarette, a son, born February 23.

To John Bolton, Jr., of the Repair Department, and Mrs. Bolton, a daughter, Kristine Ellen, born March 11.

To Lola Youngsma Ferwerda, formerly of the Main Office, and Mr. Ferwerda, a daughter, Loralie Harriet, born March 11.

To Evelyn McNamara, formerly of the Export Sales Department, and Mr. McNamara, a daughter, Rosemary, born March 13.

To Dick Dunn, of the Charlotte plant, and Mrs. Dunn, a son, born February 24.

To Ernest Wellman, of the Roll Job, and Mrs. Wellman, a daughter.

To Herman DeVries, of the Roll Job, and Mrs. DeVries, a son, born February 27.

To Mario Romasco, of the Roll Job, and Mrs. Romasco, a son, born February 12.

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To Clarence Broulliard, of the Bolster Job, and Mrs. Broulliard, a son.

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Executives' daughters wed. On the left: Saturday, February 19, Miss Janette Bolton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hugh Bolton, became the bride of Robert Cornelius van Ravenswaay, of Boonville, Mo. Middle: February 16, Miss Florence Ann McConnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. McConnell, was married to Eugene Francis Zimmerman of Dayton, Ohio. Right: Saturday, February 12, Miss Janet Alden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Alden, became the bride of William R. Carrick, Jr. of East Douglas
A LEAF FROM THE WHITIN ALBUM

It's a tradition for members of the Kelliher family to work for Whitin. Shown on this page are four sons, three daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren of the late John Kelliher, Sr., who worked for Whitin for 46 years, 18 of them in the capacity of foreman of the Polishing Job. Ray, carpenter; Frank, salesman; Harold, Production Department; Bernard, supervisor on Spinning; Mildred (Mrs. Raymond) Kelliher, cafeteria; Mona, daughter of Ray, Purchase Inspecting; Morgan, Ray's son, carpenter; Alan, Ray's son, Spinning Floor; Edith (Mrs. John) Kelliher, Jr., cafeteria; Celia (Mrs. Harold) Kelliher, Purchase Inspection.