

# THE PEOPLE BEHIND the PRODUCTS *At American Thread*

A Company's success is largely determined by the ability of the men and women who make up the organization. American Thread has been a successful member of the Willimantic Community for 58 years, which is certainly a testimonial both to our employees and the products they make.

During this time the Company and the people on its payroll have made every effort to be good citizens—contributing to and participating in the city's growth. This series introduces some of the Willimantic citizens who help make the thread and yarn products which are among the finest made anywhere in the world.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Willimantic Plant's 1,213,000 square feet of floor space make it the largest mill in the United States for the manufacture of thread. The area under roof is equal to eight baseball diamonds the size of Yankee Stadium or seven football fields.



**AT THE BLOOD BANK**—The Chasses have contributed more than six gallons of blood to the Red Cross. Roland is on call at any time at Windham Community Memorial Hospital as a donor. From 1928 to 1933, he was also a member of Company C, 169th Infantry of the Connecticut National Guard.

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**MR. & MRS. CHASSE**—Roland works for American Thread as a Dresser Tender; Fleurette as a Winder. He is the son of Joseph Chasse of Malbridge, Mass. Both Chasses are of French ancestry.



**ON THE JOB**—As a winder in the Shoe Thread Twisting Department, Mrs. Chasse winds supply packages for the twisters from spring supply packages from the Dye House. Roland runs the machinery that gives a glazed finish to sewing thread. It applies size and wax solutions. Heat is then used to dry these solutions or finishes. In his spare time Roland also works as a short order cook and chef at parties and wedding receptions. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chasse worked in local restaurants before joining American Thread.



**"YOUR MOVE"**—Mr. and Mrs. Chasse relax in their home at 18 Ash Street in Willimantic. The Chasses have two children, Robert and Evelyn. Roland's brothers, Lionel and Anthony, and his sister-in-law, Lorette, also work for American Thread.

