

# THE PEOPLE BEHIND the PRODUCTS

## *At American Thread*

Probably the most important factor in the quality of any product is the people who make it.

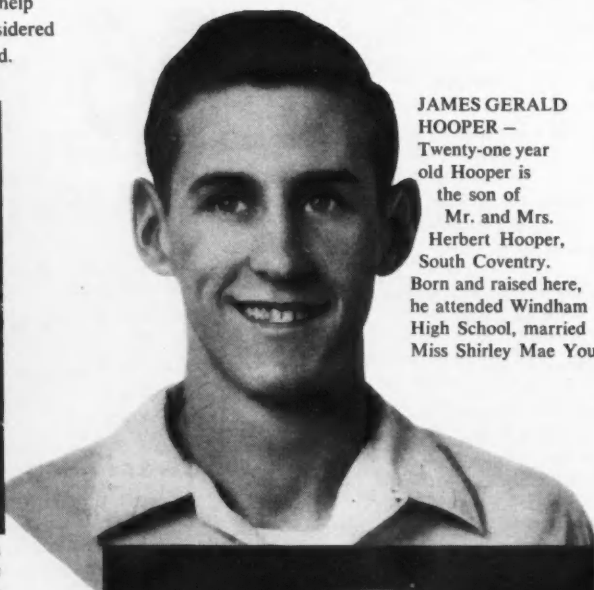
This series is designed to let you meet some of the citizens of Willimantic who have been asked to help make the thread and yarn products which are considered among the finest made anywhere in the world.



**AT EASE** — Hooper and his wife, Shirley, in their room with the family dog. At present, they live at 73 Ives Street. Hooper's father, Herbert, is now retired. His mother is employed locally.



**BOXER** — Hooper on the job helping to makes boxes with a single ending box making machine. Hooper came to work for American Thread in 1952, had worked previously for South Coventry gas station as helper, for Electro-Motive, Willimantic, as tester. During his spare time, Hooper does body work on cars for his father-in-law.



**JAMES GERALD HOOPER** — Twenty-one year old Hooper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hooper, South Coventry. Born and raised here, he attended Windham High School, married Miss Shirley Mae Young.



**MAKE THAT SHOT!** — Hooper is a member of the American Thread Co. basketball team. During his grammar school days he was awarded a trophy for his basketball playing. At Windham High he won a letter for swimming. He still is very fond of sports. His favorites now include swimming, ice skating, fishing and hunting.

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