

THE PEOPLE BEHIND the PRODUCTS



ON THE JOB—Oldershaw in the shop at Willimantic operating a power saw. Oldershaw's father also worked at Willimantic for 32 years prior to his death in 1937.



"WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?"—Oldershaw's brace of cocker spaniels seem to be in complete disagreement about the direction of a scent. Oldershaw breeds and raises thoroughbred cockers, hunts and fishes much of his spare time. During his school years, he played basketball and baseball for three years on the Manchester team, later took to raising canaries. He kept it up for five years, had more than 100 birds at one time. Oldershaw was also a member of the Eagleville Voluntary Fire Department, resigned in 1953 after 10 years because of illness.

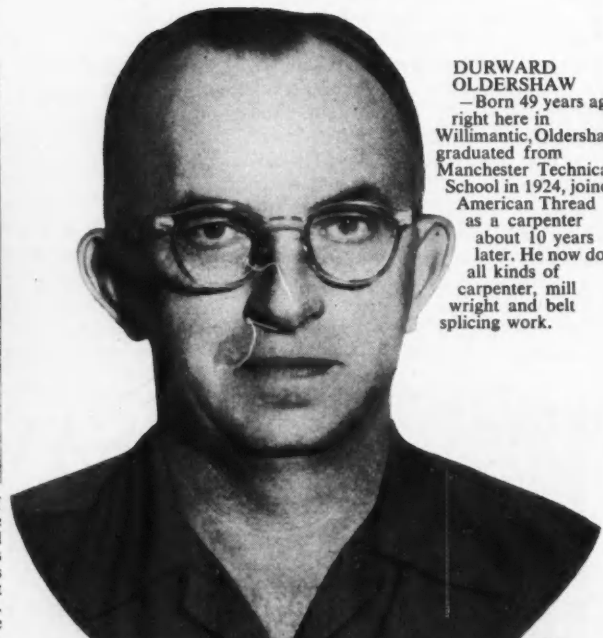


OLDERSHAW'S AT EASE—Oldershaw and (l. to r.) son Howard, 24, wife Myrtle, daughter (Mrs.) Betty May Gordon, in the Oldershaw home, "The Ridges," R.F.D. #1. Both Howard and Betty May graduated from Windham High School, now work at American Thread. Howard is a carpenter, started work in 1948. Betty May works in the Printing Department Office, began in 1952. Mrs. Oldershaw, who spends most of her spare time at home raising African Violets, has more than 300 plants under cultivation right now.

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.



DURWARD OLDERSHAW
—Born 49 years ago right here in Willimantic, Oldershaw graduated from Manchester Technical School in 1924, joined American Thread as a carpenter about 10 years later. He now does all kinds of carpenter, mill wright and belt splicing work.



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