## 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.



Jeanette and Oscar Turcotte both
work at Willimantic in the Wool Dept.
Both came to American Thread in 1952 from Corridale
Mills, Moosup. During World War II, Jeanette worked for
American Woolen for six years while Oscar was in
the Army. His unit fought in North Africa, Italy, Normandy
campaigns... won a Presidential Citation.



WINDER – Mrs. Turcotte winds single wool yarn from the spinning bobbin to a paper cone in order to make a long continuous strand of yarn. The yarn is later used as a supply package in doubling.



TWISTER TENDER—Turcotte tends the running of a set of twister frames in the Wool Department. His main function is to repair any breaks that occur in the yarn while it is in operation.



DOWN ON THE FARM—During their spare time, the Turcottes raise chickens, rabbits and pigeons on their farm on Frost School Road, Canterbury. Turcotte also belonged to the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department for a year, and in his grammar and high school days, was a member of the school bowling club.



