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# Co-Ops



## THE CO-OP COURSE

This co-operative part time course was started in Springfield in 1913. It is a combination of school and shop work made possible by the co-operation of the machine manufacturers with the high school. The boys taking the course spend alternate periods of two weeks each in school and shop. The summers are spent wholly in the shop with the exception of a two weeks' vacation. A boy can go into any shop he may choose but is expected to stay at that shop during the entire course. The course is of four years' duration. The first year is spent entirely in school. The regular course of study may be taken by the boys this year with the exception of mechanical drawing which is required. In the shop the boy is under the same conditions as the regular employee. The scale of wages is as follows: a sophomore receives 18c. an hour; a junior 22c. and a senior 28c. In addition to this the boys receive a bonus at graduation.

In Springfield the manufacturers are strong supporters of the course financially as well as morally. What they want is superior, trained employees, not cheap labor.

During the six years this course has been in operation in Springfield sixteen boys have been graduated. Three more graduate this year, and next year, if all goes well, there will be eleven; and, if it is safe to look ahead so far, the 1921 class will number twenty.

Those graduating in 1916, and their present employment, were: Lowell Aron, assistant head of drafting room J. and L. upper shop; Albert Chase, post office in Springfield, Vt.; Leon Fuller, U. V. M.; Arthur Gosselin, Detroit Gear

and Machine company; Albert Herrick, draftsman in the J. and L. shop; Harold Holden, foreman in automobile factory in New Jersey; Harrison Kendall, tool maker at the Gear Shaper shop; Alfred Mahoney, U. S. Army; George Morin, U. V. M.; Bernard Ward, draftsman in the Gear Shaper shop; Donald Wetherup, American expeditionary forces in France.

Those graduating in '17 were: Leon Gosselin, St. Michael's College; Raymond Barber.

Those graduating in '18 were: Archie Currie, U. V. M.; Wells Samson, draftsman in the Gear Shaper shop; Clyde Baldwin, machine operator in J. and L. shop.

Those who graduate this year are: Harold Fellows, David Currie and Raymond Fairbanks.

Ralph Hastings and Russell Knights left the course in all good standing to join the army and are now in France.



### CO-OPS IN ATHLETICS

The co-operative department has furnished ninety per cent of the athletes of the High School since it was founded.

A good instance of this superiority is found in the '18 football team, all of whom but two were co-ops. Again on the '18 nine there were only two "regulars" on the team. And now there is only one from the rest of the school on the basketball team, and he was a co-op once, Graham.

The main reason for this is that the fellows who take the course get used to real hard manual work, and are hardened into the best of condition, which naturally makes them the candidates for athletics.

This shows the great need of a gymnasium for the use of the school. All of the fellows should be in the same physical condition as the co-ops are now. We all look forward to the new town "gym" to help solve this question for the school, and all hope for a director of physical training in the schools.