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Preface

This report is one of a series that traces the changes in wage scales and related benefits, contained in collective bargaining agreements, made by individual employers or combination of employers with a union or group of unions. Benefits unilaterally provided by an employer are generally reported. The chronology series is intended primarily as a tool for research, analysis, and wage administration. The series deals only with selected features of the varied history of collective bargaining or wage determination. References to job security, grievance procedure, methodology of piece-rate adjustment, and similar matters are omitted.

The basic chronology and supplements 1 and 2 summarize the changes in wage rates and related wage practices provided by agreements between the Fall River (Mass.) Textile Manufacturers' Association and the New Bedford (Mass.) Cotton Manufacturers' Association and the Textile Workers Union of America from 1943 to 1952. Since the Fall River—New Bedford Textile Manufacturers' Negotiating Group was disbanded on April 14, 1955, the Bureau of Labor Statistics continued the wage chronology for the northern cotton textile industry with changes in wages and related benefits provided in collective bargaining agreements negotiated by Bershire Hathaway Inc., and the Textile Workers Union of America. Berkshire Hathaway, former member of the Fall River Textile Manufacturers' Association and the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association, has been a frequent leader in industry wage negotiations and is one of the largest employers in the New England cotton-rayon industry.

This report includes materials previously published in three parts—as Wage Chronology No. 2 and Supplement No. 1, covering the period 1943-48; Supplement No. 2, 1949-52; and Supplement No. 3, 1953-64. The basic chronology and first three supplements were published in 1964 as a consolidated report covering the years 1943-64. The present revision incorporates details of 1964 and 1965 collective bargaining negotiations.

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Introduction

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1949—52

This chronology covers the changes in wage rates and related wage practices provided by agreements between the Fall River (Mass.) Textile Manufacturers' Association and the New Bedford (Mass.) Cotton Manufacturers' Association and the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO). The first areawide contracts between the two associations and the union were negotiated in 1943. In 1945, the associations combined to negotiate a single agreement with the Textile Workers Union.

Prior to 1943, union representation of workers in the two areas was divided among the Textile Workers Union of America, the American Federation of Textile Operatives, and the New Bedford Textile Council. Fall River, the Loom Fixers, Drawing-in, Knot-tiers and Warper Tenders Association and the Slasher Tenders and Helpers Association continued as unaffiliated labor organizations. Thus, the provisions of the separate agreements reported for 1943 in this chronology do not necessarily indicate changes in the conditions of employment that existed prior to 1943, nor does this chronology necessarily reflect the changes in wages and related practices affecting the two Fall River craft groups.

The January 1948 agreement between the manufacturers' associations (jointly) and the Textile Workers Union involved the 21 member mills and about 23,000 production workers. This agreement continued in effect until March 15, 1950, and for 1-year terms thereafter unless terminated by either party. At the request of either party, wage changes may be negotiated during the life of the agreement, the earliest not to be effective before January 17, 1949. Wage changes thereafter may be negotiated twice a year, in mid-September and mid-March.

The Textile Workers Union of America (CIO) requested a wage reopening in January 1949 under the provisions of its 1948 agreements with the Fall River Textile Manufacturers' Association and the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association. When negotiations failed to bring agreement on the union's request for a 10-cent-an-hour increase, the issue was submitted to arbitration in accordance with contractual procedure. The arbitrator based his rejection of the union's request primarily on the industry's uncertain business prospects.

Neither the companies nor the union utilized the opportunity for September 1949 or March 1950 reopenings. Prior to its expiration date on March 15, 1950, the 1948 contract was extended without change by the parties.

A wage reopening was permissible in September 1950 under the extended agreements. Notification of intention to take advantage of this opportunity was required in July. At that time, the union voted not to request any contract changes. Subsequently, however, the employer associations agreed to an interim wage adjustment, requested by the union to be effective in September 1950. No other changes were made in the contracts at that time.

By March 15, 1951, the next contractual reopening date, the parties had negotiated a supplemental agreement, effective March 19, 1951. Subject to approval of the Wage Stabilization Board, this agreement increased wage rates, health and welfare benefits, and incorporated a cost-of-living escalator clause and a retirement severance pay provision. The Board order, issued August 3, 1951, modified the negotiated terms by reducing the general wage increase from $7^{1}/_{2}$ percent to

6½ percent and the cost-of-living allowance from a 1-cent hourly wage change for every 1.14-point change in the Consumers' Price Index to 1 cent for each 1.32-point change. Action was deferred by the Board on the other changes until its policy on welfare benefits was established. In accordance with a WSB policy regulation covering welfare clauses, these changes were approved by the Board to be effective on November 30, 1951.

Under the 1951 agreement, provision was made for a general wage reopening on March 15, 1952. Accordingly, the employer associations requested a downward revision of basic wage rates, elimination of the escalator clause, and other changes. When it became apparent that agreement was not possible, the issues in question were submitted to arbitration in accordance with contractual terms. The arbitrator's decision provided for a wage decrease, although not to the extent requested, and a continuance of the escalator clause as compensation for changes in the cost of living; the other requested changes in the contract were disallowed.

1953—64¹

The Bargaining Agreement between the Textile Workers Union and the Fall River—New Bedford Textile Manufacturers' Negotiating Group 2 (including Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates) that expired March 15, 1953, was extended, effective April 15, for 2 years, with the only change a wage reopener in April 1954.

The union announced that, because of depressed economic conditions in the industry, it would not exercise its reopening right in 1954. The company indicated that it would withhold demands for wage reductions at that time.

In February 1955, Berkshire Hathaway, with a group of other New England mills, announced that current agreements would not be renewed and proposed benefit changes that would have reduced employment costs by 10 cents an hour. Although no wage changes were suggested, the escalator clause and the current 4-cent-an-hour cost-of-living allowance were to be discontinued and paid holi-

union rejected these proposals, voted to extend the expiring contracts without change, and called a strike against the company when contracts expired on April 15.

Tentative agreement was reached by the parties on July 13, after Federal mediators had entered negotiations; work was resumed on July 18, following a 13-week strike. Terms of the new 2-year contract included revocation of the escalator clause, although the 3-cent allowance in effect was to be retained; continuation of 6 paid holidays for which a premium was paid for hours worked; and elimination of a number of local holidays for which workers received premium pay if worked, but no pay if not worked. The new contract, effective July 18, 1955, included provision for reopening on wages and other benefits in 1 year.

On February 13, 1956, the union announced its intention to reopen the contract and a month later demanded a 10-percent general wage increase and changes in other benefits. The company rejected the demands.

Bargaining sessions opened in March; agreement was reached in early April on a contract to be effective for 2 years from April 16, 1956, with a reopening in 1957. The agreement called for a $6^{1/2}$ -percent increase in basic hourly rates (exclusive of the 3-cent cost-of-living add-on)⁵ and restoration of premium pay for work on the local holidays.

In February 1957, the union reopened the contract with demands for improved wage rates and unspecified other benefits. The company rejected the demands and proposed the wage rates be continued without change. Meetings between the parties, begun in early March, brought quick agreement on maintenance of wage rates, improved hospitalization benefits, and a reduced retirement age for women; the contract expiring in April 1958 was renewed for 1 year without change.

mills with Hathaway Manufacturing Co.'s mill.

The group, formed on Dec. 22, 1952, negotiated bargaining agreements for members of the Fall River Textile Manufacturers' Association and the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

One of the largest manufacturers of cotton textiles in the United States was incorporated as the Berkshire Cotton Manufacturing Co. in 1889. The name was changed to Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates in 1929, after merger with several other mills. Additional mills were acquired in 1930, 1955, and 1956; the present name was adopted in 1955 after merger of Berkshire's mills with Hathaway Manufacturing Co. 's mill.

³ The negotiating group had been disbanded on April 14.
⁴ Between the start of negotiations and the contract settlement, the Consumer Price Index declined, thus reducing the cost-

of-living allowance by 1 cent an hour.

5 This increase, averaging $8^{1}/2$ cents an hour, restored basic hourly rates to levels in effect before an arbitration decision of July 15, 1952.

Before the 1959 expiration date, agreement had been reached on a new 3-year contract with provision for wage reopening and inequity adjustments at annual intervals. The union had proposed a 10-percent increase in wage rates; agreement was reached on a 7-percent increase exclusive of the existing 3-cent cost-of-living add-on which was incorporated into basic hourly rates. No other contract changes were made at that time.

When 1960 negotiations began in March under the reopening provisions, the union sought a general wage increase of 10 cents an hour plus an additional 1 cent for correction of inequities in some classifications. The final agreement, reached in early April, provided a 5-percent increase (7.5 cents an hour) in wage rates.

Union delegates to a regional conference recommended, in February 1961, that the contract not be reopened that year. Some locals disagreed but the majority ratified the recommendation and the contract was not reopened.

Negotiations in 1962 opened in March; agreement was reached early in April on a 2-year contract calling for a $3^{1}/_{4}$ -percent increase in hourly wages and correction of inequities in some job classifications. Hospitalization benefits were liberalized, the eligibility age for retirement-severance pay for men was reduced to 62, and provision was made for payment of accrued vacation benefits to those eligible for retirement-severance pay upon termination of employment. The contract permitted a reopening on wages in April 1963, but in February, the union voted against the reopening.

1964--65

Citing material improvement in the economic conditions of the industry, a Textile Workers Union of America conference of delegates from New England and mid-Atlantic locals recommended a package increase of 10 percent in wages and fringe benefits in negotiations with Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Negotiations opened on March 3, 1964, with union demands for a 10-percent wage

increase, an improved health insurance program and extension of this protection to dependents, longer vacations for employees with 10 years of service or more, and establishment of severance pay for employees released because of technological changes or plant closings.

The company's wage offers proved unsatisfactory to the union members, who voted on April 12 to strike unless agreement could be reached by the termination date of the contract, 3 days later. Agreement was reached on April 15 on a new contract calling for a 5-percent general wage increase but no other changes. The 2-year contract was ratified on April 19 and provided for a wage reopening in 1965.

The 1964 agreement changed the pattern of many negotiations, in that Berkshire Hathaway was not the first major textile company in the region to settle with the union. Employees of the Pepperell Manufacturing Co. and Bates Manufacturing Co. accepted the agreement on April 15, and employees of the American Thread Co. on April 19. The four companies customarily set the pattern for New England firms in the cotton-synthetics industry.

When 1965 negotiations were begun under the wage reopening provisions, the union demanded a 15-percent wage increase and a pension plan. The company countered by offering a 5-cent wage increase, which was rejected. On Tuesday, April 13, the company offered a wage increase of 5 percent. though April 16 (Good Friday) was a holiday, about 2,200 workers were officially on strike. On Saturday, the union's policy committee recommended that the locals accept the wage Employees of West Point-Pepperell Co. did so that same day (April 17); workers at Berkshire Hathaway and American Thread Co. voted their approval on Sunday, April 18, and went back to work the next working day. There had been no walkout at Bates Manufacturing Co. where employees had accepted the offer before employees of the other companies had voted to strike.

The following tables bring the Berkshire Hathaway Inc. wage chronology up to date through April 15, 1966.

A-General Wage Changes

Effective date	Provision	Applications, exceptions, or other related matters
June 19, 1943 (New Bedford	No change.	
area). Z	No change.	
Dec. 3, 1943 (Fall River area). 2	No Change.	
Oct. 1, 1944	5 cents an hour increase	In accordance with National War Labor Board dire- tive order of Feb. 20, 1945. The Board al established guide posts for determining job diffe
Jov. 4, 1945	8 cents an hour increase.	entials, which when applied brought increases a eraging between 1 and 2 cents an hour.
Aug. 5, 1946	8 cents an hour increase.	
an. 6, 1947	10 cents an hour increase.	
ug. 4, 1947	5 cents an hour increase.	A
an. 5, 1948ept. 18, 1950 (by agreement	10-percent increase, averaging	Averaging approximately II cents an hour.
of Sept. 14, 1950).	12 cents an hour.	
far. 19, 1951 (by agreement	61/2 -percent increase, averaging	Agreement as modified by Wage Stabilization Boa
of Mar. 15, 1951).	$8\frac{1}{2}$ cents an hour.	Order of Aug. 3, 1951. The Board also approvan escalator clause providing quarterly adjustment of 1 cent an hour for every 1.32-point change
		the BLS-CPI (old series) over the Feb. 15, 195 index. Wage rates were not to be reduced below
		the level of Mar. 19, 1951.
uly 1, 1951	No change	Quarterly cost-of-living review.
ct. 1, 1951	l cent an hour increase	Quarterly adjustment of cost-of-living allowance.
an. 1, 1952	2 cents an hour increase	Quarterly adjustment of cost-of-living allowance.
pr. 1, 1952uly 1, 1952	No changel cent an hour increase	Quarterly cost-of-living review. Quarterly adjustment of cost-of-living allowance.
uly 19, 1952	Decreases averaging 81/2 cents an	In accordance with decision of the arbitrator, dat
,,,,	hour.	July 15, 1952, basic hourly rates were to be d creased to those in existence on Sept. 18, 199 piece rates were to be adjusted accordingly.
ept. 30, 1952ept. 31, 1952 (agreement dated Mar. 15, 1951).	2 cents an hour increase	Quarterly adjustment of cost-of-living allowance. Quarterly adjustment of cost-of-living allowance.
pr. 6, 1953	2 cents an hour decrease	Quarterly adjustment of cost-of-living allowance.
uly 1, 1953 oct. 1, 1953 (agreement	l cent an hour increase	Quarterly review of cost-of-living allowance. Quarterly adjustment of cost-of-living allowance.
dated Apr. 15, 1953).	No change	The new agreement provided for quarterly adjust ments of the cost-of-living allowance in accordant with the movement of the revised BLS Consum Price Index (1947-49=100). If the CPI fell belt 111.9, the cost-of-living allowance would be zero Wage rates were not to be reduced below those effect Sept. 18, 1950. Quarterly review of cost-of-living allowance.
Apr. 1, 1954	No change	Quarterly review of cost-of-living allowance.
uly 1, 1954	No change	Quarterly review of cost-of-living allowance.
Oct. 1, 1954	No change	Quarterly review of cost-of-living allowance.
an 1, 1955	No changel cent an hour decrease	Quarterly review of cost-of-living allowance. Quarterly adjustment of cost-of-living allowance. Eliminated: Cost-of-living escalator clause. Existi 3-cent cost-of-living allowance continued but r
16 1056 (ograament of	4 5 manual increases averaging 9 5	incorporated into basic hourly rates.
Apr. 16, 1956 (agreement of same date).	6.5-percent increase, averaging 8.5 cents an hour.	Applicable to basic hourly and piece rates excludi 3-cent-an-hour cost-of-living allowance.
Apr. 20, 1959 (agreement	7.0-percent increase, averaging	Excludes 3-cent-an-hour cost-of-living allowan
dated Apr. 16, 1959).	10.2 cents an hour.	which was incorporated into basic hourly rate
pr. 18, 1960 (agreement	5.0-percent increase, averaging 7.5	1
dated Apr. 9, 1960). pr. 16, 1962 (agreement of	cents an hour. 3.25-percent increase, averaging 5	
same date).	cents an hour.	
pr. 16, 1964 (agreement of	5 percent increase, averaging	Basic hourly rates rounded to nearest one-half ce
	8. 25 cents an hour.	•
	5 percent increase, averaging	Basic hourly rates rounded to nearest one-half ce
or. 16, 1965 (agreement		
pr. 16, 1965 (agreement	8. 6 cent an hour.	
pr. 16, 1965 (agreement		
pr. 16, 1965 (agreement		
same date). .pr. 16, 1965 (agreement dated Apr. 26, 1965).		
pr. 16, 1965 (agreement		
pr. 16, 1965 (agreement		
pr. 16, 1965 (agreement		

Footnotes:

1 General wage changes are construed as upward or downward adjustments affecting a substantial number of workers at one time. Not included within the term are adjustments in individual rates (promotions, merit increases, etc.) and minor adjustments in wage structure (such as changes in individual job rates or incentive rates) that do not have an immediate and

The wage changes listed above were the major adjustments made during the period covered. Because of fluctuations in incentive earnings, changes in products and employment practices, omission of nongeneral changes in rates, and other factors, the sum of the general changes listed will not necessarily coincide with the amount of change in average hourly earnings over

the same period.

² Between 1939 and 1943, general wage changes and changes in minimum plant wage rates were adopted uniformly by the mills and unions in the 2 areas. These earlier wage changes were:

Effective date

General wage change

Nov. 6, 1939_____ Mar. 24, 1941_____ Sept. 8, 1941 __ June 15, 1942 (in accordance with National War Labor Board directive of Aug. 20, 1942, involving 59 cotton mills in North

7 percent increase. 10 percent increase. 10 percent increase. 7.5 cents an hour increase.

³ The agreement provided that quarterly cost-of-living adjustments, effective April, July, October, and January, were to be based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics revised Consumer Price Index for the months of February, May, August, and November as follows:

Consumer Price Index (revised, 1947-49=100)	Cost-of-living allowance
111. 2 to 111. 9	None. 1 cent. 2 cents. 3 cents. 4 cents. 5 cents. 6 cents.
116.0 to 116.7	

⁴ See text, footnote 5.

B-Minimum Plant Wage Rates¹

Effective date	Effective date Provision Applications, exceptions, or other relations matters			
June 19, 1943 (New Bedford area). 2	52.03 cents an hour	No change in the prevailing minimum wage rate.		
Dec. 3, 1943 (Fall River area). 2	52.03 cents an hour	No change in the prevailing minimum wage rate.		
Oct. 1, 1944	57 cents an hour	The National War Labor Board directive of Feb. 2(1945, affecting 54 northern and southern mills, established a minimum wage of 55 cents an hour and in addition, provided that all jobs for which the rat was over 50 cents an hour be increased by 5 cents retroactive to Oct. 1, 1944.		
Nov. 4, 1945	65 cents an hour.	,		
Aug. 5, 1946	73 cents an hour.			
Jan. 6, 1947	83 cents an hour.			
Aug. 4, 1947	88 cents an hour.			
Jan. 5, 1948	97 cents an hour.			
Sept. 18, 1950	\$1.065 an hour.			
Mar. 19, 1951	\$1,135 an hour.			
July 19, 1952	\$1.065 an hour.			
July 19, 1952	\$1.065.			
July 18, 1955	\$1,065	Plus 3-cent-an-hour cost-of-living allowance.		
Apr. 16, 1956	\$1.135	Plus 3-cent-an-hour cost-of-living allowance.		
Apr. 20, 1959				
Apr. 20, 1737	φ I · L σ	Includes cost-of-living allowance incorporated into		
A 10 1060	\$1.315.	basic hourly rates.		
Apr. 18, 1960	•			
Apr. 16, 1962	\$1.36 an hour.			
Apr. 16, 1964	\$1.43 an hour.			
Apr. 16, 1965	\$1.50 an hour.			

Minimum plant rates do not apply to learners or handicapped workers. See table A for adjustments in the cost-of-living allowance between March 1951 and April 1955. While not changing minimum rates, the allowance did affect employee earnings.

Between 1939 and 1943, the following minimum plant wage rates prevailed in the Fall River and New Bedford areas:

Labor Board directive of Aug. 20, 1942).

Effective date	Minimum plant wage rate			
Nov. 6, 1939	36.8 cents an hour.			
Mar. 24, 1941	40.48 cents an hour.			
Sept. 8, 1941	44.53 cents an hour.			
June 15, 1942 (in accordance with National War	52.03 cents an hour.			

C-Related Wage Practices1

Effective date	Provision	Applications, exceptions, or other related matters		
	Guaranteed individual minimum e	earnings ²		
June 19, 1943 (New Bedford area). Nov. 4, 1945	For a full week's work, each piece-rate worker was guaranteed minimum weekly earnings equal to 90 percent of the prevailing full-job base rate of pay. Minimum guarantee for piece-rate workers raised to 100 percent of prevailing base rate of pay.	Except where established practice in a particular mill set a higher minimum. (The guaranteed earnings provision was not contained in Fal River agreement of Dec. 3, 1943.) Applicable to New Bedford and Fall River mills		
 	Shift premium pay			
T 10 1042 (Nor Pi	1			
June 19, 1943 (New Rive Bedford area). Dec. 3, 1943 (Fall River area). Nov. 4, 1945	No provision for shift premium pay			
	Overtime pay			
June 19, 1943	Time and one-half after 8 hours per day or 40 hours per week.	Normal work schedule 8 hours per day and 4th hours per week, except in those departments where full 40 hours not regularly scheduled from Monday through Friday.		
	Premium pay for Saturday v	work		
June 19, 1943 (New Bedford area). ⁴ Dec. 3, 1943 (Fall River area). ⁴ Aug. 1, 1947	Time and one-half for all work performed on Saturday.	Except (a) when Saturday work was part of reg ularly scheduled 40-hour week, and (b) for watch men, guards, firemen, and maintenance mei (latter in New Bedford only) whose regular work week included Saturday work. Watchmen, guards, and firemen to be paid tim and one-half for work on 5th day instead of o Saturday, as such. Other exceptions continued		
	Premium pay for Sunday we			
	Premium pay for Sunday wo:			
June 19, 1943 (New Bedford area). ⁴ Dec. 3, 1943 (Fall River area). ⁴ Aug. 1, 1947	Double time for all work performed on Sunday.	Except for watchmen, guards, firemen, and main tenance men (latter in New Bedford only) whos regularly scheduled workweek included Sunda work. Watchmen, guards, and firemen to be paid doubl time for work on 7th day instead of on Sunday as such.		

C-Related Wage Practices1-Continued

Effective date	Provision	Applications, exceptions, or other related matters			
	Special premium pay for maintena	nce men			
June 19, 1943 (New Bedford area). Dec. 3, 1943 (Fall River area).	Maintenance men called in to work outside their regular shift hours to be paid time and one-half for hours worked up to 10 p.m. and double time from 10 p.m. to their regular starting time.				
	Holiday pay				
June 19, 1943 (New Bedford area). Dec. 3, 1943 (Fall River area). ⁴ Aug. 1, 1947	Time and one-half for work performed on 10 holidays. No pay for holidays not worked. 5 paid holidays established to be paid for at regular rate for 8 hours. Work on a paid holiday to be paid for at time and one-half in addition to regular holiday pay.	Holidays were: New Year's Day, Washington' Birthday, Patriot's Day (April 19), Memoria Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbu Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, an Christmas Day. Paid holidays were: New Year's Day, Memoria Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christ mas Day even if falling on an unscheduled work day. Other holidays to be paid for at premiuu			
Jan. 1, 1948	Another paid holiday added, making a total	rate if worked. Added paid holiday—Washington's Birthday.			
July 18, 1955 (agreement of same date). Apr. 16, 1956 (agreement of same date).	of 6. Reduced: Number of holidays for which employees received time and one-half for hours worked but no pay if not worked reduced to 1. Was 4 in Massachusetts and Vermont, 3 in Rhode Island. Added: Massachusetts and Vermont mills—3 holidays (total 4) for which employee received time and one-half for hours worked, no pay if not worked; Rhode Island mills—2 holidays (total 3).	Holiday continued was Independence Day. 5 In effect and continued: 6 paid holidays (with tim and one-half for hours worked in addition to hol iday pay); holidays were New Year's Day, Wash ington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Labor Day Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. In Rhod Island, Columbus Day was substituted for Wash ington's Birthday. Holiday that fell on Sunday to be observed o Monday. To be eligible for holiday pay, employee must have (a) worked a full shift on the days immediately preceding and following the holiday (employee on layoff or leave of absence must hav worked within the 30 days immediately preceding the holiday) and (b) completed 30 days of the 60-day probationary period. Holidays were: Massachusetts—Patriots' Da (April 19), Columbus Day, and Armistice Day Vermont—Bennington Day (August 16), Columbus Day, and Armistice Day; Rhode Island—V-J Da (August 14) and Armistice Day.			
	Paid vacations				
		Vanding and description in the second			
June 19, 1943 (New Bedford area). Dec. 3, 1943 (Fall River area). Nov. 4, 1945 (New Bedford and Fall River).	Employees with 4 months or more of service—1 week. Employees with 3 months or more of service—1 week. 1 year or more of service—1 week; 3 months to 1 year of service—vacation pay, but no actual vacation; increase in vacation pay for employees with more than 5 years' service. Increase in vacation pay for employees with 3 to 5 years' service.	Vacation pay for employees with 1 year or mor of service amounted to 40 hours of straight time pay; for less than a year's service—2 per cent of straight-time earnings since time of hir ing, provided employees worked at least 70 per cent of available work time. Vacation pay amounted to 2 percent of total earn ings during preceding 12-month period. Vacation pay: 1 year to 5 years of service—2 per cent of total earnings for the preceding full year 5 years or more of service—4 percent of total annual earnings; less than 1 year of service—2 percent of total earnings for period of employment. For this group, vacation pay increased to 3 per cent of total earnings for the preceding full year			

C-Related Wage Practices1-Continued

Effective date	Provision	Applications, exceptions, and other related matters
	Reporting time	
June 19, 1943 (New Bedford area). Dec. 3, 1943 (Fall River area).	Employees scheduled or notified to report for work to receive following minimum payments: First shift—4 hours. Second shift—4 hours. Third shift—8 hours.	Minimum guarantees to be paid whether or no work was performed, except when failure of company to provide work was due to causes be yond its control. Company reserved right to shift assignments for workers entitled to reporting time.
	Equal pay	
June 19, 1943 (New Bedford area). Dec. 3, 1943 (Fall River area). Nov. 4, 1945	Equal pay for equal work, no distinction to be made because of sex, race, or other factors not related to employees' productive capacity. Women to receive same rates as men when performing same work.	
	Waiting time	
June 19, 1943 (New Bedford area). Dec. 3, 1943 (Fall River area).	Piece-rate workers to be compensated for time lost during excessive periods of waiting, causes of which were within control of employer.	
	Jury duty pay	L
Apr. 15, 1953 (agreement of same date).	In effect and continued: Employee on jury duty to receive difference between average daily straight-time earnings and daily payment for jury service.	
	Health and welfare benefits	I
June 1943—Jan. 1944 (as provided by agreements of June 19, 1943, for New Bedford mills and Dec. 3, 1943, for Fall River mills). Aug. 1, 1946————————————————————————————————————	Employers to provide and pay for the following health benefits: (1) Hospitalization for 31 days at \$4 per day, plus \$20 for incidental hospital expenses. (2) Sickness and accident benefits (not covered by workmen's compensation) up to 13 weeks at \$10.50 per week. Sickness benefits payable from 8th day; accident benefits from first day. (3) Life insurance of \$500; additional \$500 payable upon accidental death. Specified payments up to \$500 for dismemberment. Hospitalization benefits increased to \$5 per day; sickness and accident benefits increased to \$15 weekly for men and \$12 weekly for women; surgical benefits up to \$150 provided. (Maternity benefits lim-	In accordance with arbitration award.

C-Related Wage Practices1-Continued

Effective date	Provision	Applications, exceptions, and other related matters
	Health and welfare benefits	—Continued
Aug. 1, 1947	Hospitalization benefits increased to \$7 per day and \$35 for incidental expenses; sickness and accident benefits raised to \$17.50 weekly for men and women.	
Jan. 1, 1948	Medical benefits added to previous benefits. In cases of disablity arising from non-occupational accidents or sickness not covered by workmen's compensation, medical expenses amounting to \$2 for office visits and \$3 for home and hospital visits to be paid for (first call for accidents and second call for sickness).	Aggregate payments during any one disability could reach \$150 except when employee had attained 60 years of age, in which case aggregate payments were limited to \$150 per year. Specified types of disabilities, such as childbirth and dental treatments, exempted from provision for medical benefits.
Nov. 30, 1951	Changed: Daily hospital benefits: \$8 a day for 31 days; Special hospital benefits: Up to \$80; Surgical benefits: Up to \$200; Sickness and accident benefits: \$22.50 a week up to 13 weeks.	Approved by the Wage Stabilization Board on Dec. 5, 1951.
Apr. 16, 1959 (agreement of same date).	In effect at Massachusetts mills: 7 Life insurance—\$500. Accidental death—\$500 in addition to life insurance.	Entire cost of benefits borne by company. Life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for employee under age 60 extended during period of total disability (of 9 months or more) until return to work or termination of employment; continued for a maximum of 2 months for employee on temporary layoff, or during unauthorized work stoppage.
	Accidental dismemberment—\$250 for each loss; \$1,000 if more than one member was lost in the same accident.	Maximum for all losses sustained in one accident, \$1,000.
	Accident and sickness benefits—\$25 (was \$22.50) a week for maximum of 13 weeks; benefits payable from 8th day of sickness, 1st day of accident; up to 6 weeks for pregnancy.	Payable for nonoccupational disabilities.
	Hospitalization: Room and board—\$12 (was \$8 a day for maximum of 31 days. 8 Hospital extras—Actual charges, up to \$120 (was \$80).8	Payable only if employee was hospitalized for 18 hours or more.
	Maternity-\$12 a day for maximum of 14 days, plus up to \$120 for extras. Surgical benefits:	Benefits available 6 months after effective date of policy and continued for 9 months from date insurance was terminated.
	Surgical schedule—Up to \$200 per procedure.	Payable for nonoccupational disabilities. Benefits available for 3 months after termination of insurance for total disability that began while employee was insured.
	Obstetrical—\$50 for normal delivery, \$25 for miscarriage, \$100 for Caesar- ean section, and other procedures. Medical benefits:	
Apr. 16, 1962 (agreement	Doctor's services—Up to \$2 for each office visit, \$3 for home or hospital call, maximum \$150 per disability. Increased:	Benefits available 6 months after effective date of policy and continued for 9 months from date insurance was terminated. Benefits limited to one visit per calendar day, beginning with the first visit for accident, second visit for sickness. Not available for pregnancy, dental work, eye examinations, X-rays, dressings, drugs, medicines, surgical operations, or postoperative care, except for attendance by physician other than surgeon. Medical benefits—insurance extended for maximum of 3 months if policy terminated while employee was totally disabled. All benefits continued—for period determined by company for employee absent because of sickness or injury; for 31 days for employee on leave of absence or temporary layoff; for maximum of 2 months during unauthorized work stoppage.
of same date).	Massachusetts—Accident and sickness benefits—Maximum to \$27.50 a week. Hospitalization: Room and board—Maximum to \$18 a day. Hospital extras—Maximum to \$180.	

C-Related Wage Practices -Continued

Effective date	Provision	Applications, exceptions, and other related matters
	Retirement separation pa	У
Apr. 15, 1957 (agreement of same date). Apr. 16, 1962 (agreement of same date).	1 week's pay for each year of service, up to maximum of 20 years, paid employees voluntarily retiring at age 65 with 15 years or more of service. Changed: Eligibility age reduced to 62 for women. Changed: Eligibility age reduced to 62 for all employees.	Approved by the Wage Stabilization Board on Dec 5, 1951. To qualify, employee must have an average of 1,000 hours' employment for each yea of service. A week's pay defined as: Hourly workers, 40 times hourly rate; pieceworkers 40 times average straight-time hourly earning during last social security quarter before th quarter in which the employee retired.

The last entry under each item represents the most recent change.

The guarantee of minimum earnings to piece-rate workers does not apply to learners or handicapped employees.

3 Standard full-job weekly rates converted to an hourly base, are shown in table D.

⁴ During the period covered by Executive Order No. 9240 (Oct. 1, 1942, to Aug. 21, 1945), these provisions were mod-

ified in practice to conform to that order.

Holidays eliminated in Massachusetts were Patriots' Day (April 19), Columbus Day, and Armistice Day. Prior to 1955, employees in Vermont mills received time and one-half for hours worked on New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Bennington Day (August 16), Columbus Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. In Rhode Island mills, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, V-J Day (August 14), Labor Day, Columbus Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

The original chronology and supplements 1 and 2 did not cover Rhode Island mills. Sickness and accident benefits in that State are provided by statute and, therefore, are not subject to negotiation. They were financed by an employee tax of 1 percent of wages up to \$3,000 a year through 1959. On Jan. 1, 1960, the tax base was raised to \$3,600. The company and the union, therefore, agree to other benefits equal in cost to sickness and accident benefits provided workers in Massachusetts.

Health and welfare benefits in Rhode Island mills were the same as those in other mills except in the following respects:

In effect Apr. 15, 1953:

Life insurance—\$1,000.

Hospitalization—Rhode Island Blue Cross.

Sickness and accident benefits—Provided by Rhode Island State Temporary Disability Insurance program.

In effect Apr. 16, 1959:

Life insurance—\$1,000.

Accident and sickness benefits—\$10 to \$36 a week plus up to \$8 dependents' benefits for maximum of 26 weeks starting on 8th day of disability; up to 12 weeks for pregnancy. Dependents' benefits and \$36 maximum effective

Hospitalization (Blue Cross):

Room and board—\$12 a day for maximum of 75 days in hospital acceptable to insurer or classified as general hospital by American Hospital Association; up to 45 days in other hospitals. Coverage continued for 30 days if employee left company.

Hospital extras—Actual charges in member hospital, 90 percent of usual charges in nonmember hospital. Covered use of operating room, medical and surgical supplies, drugs and medications, laboratory examinations, basal metabolism tests, oxygen therapy, and physical therapy.

Maternity—Up to \$75 for room and board and hospital extras. Patient and husband must have been covered for

7 months immediately preceding hospital admission.

Out-patient services—Up to \$7.50 for services provided within 24 hours of accident. Included routine and special services and use of operating and accident rooms.

Surgical-medical—Benefits only continued for period determined by company for employee absent because of sickness or injury; for 31 days for employee on leave of absence or temporary layoff; for maximum of 2 months

during unauthorized work stoppage.

Effective Apr. 16, 1962:

<u>Accident and sickness benefits</u>no change.

Hospital extras no change.

The benefits listed constitute the entire plan (including some benefits not previously reported) in effect on Apr. 16, 1959. Some of the increases noted became effective before 1959.

Effective Apr. 15, 1957.

D-1-Base Rates by Level, 1948-65

Rate level	Jan. 5,	Sept. 18,	Mar. 19,	July 19,	July 18,	Apr. 16,	Apr. 20,	Apr. 18,	Apr. 16,	Apr. 16,	Apr. 16,
	1948	1950	1951	1952	1955	1956	1959	1960	1962	1964	1965
1	\$ 0. 970	\$1.065	\$ 1. 135	\$1.065	\$ 1.065	\$ 1. 135	\$ 1. 250	\$1.315	\$ 1.360	\$ 1.430	\$ 1.500
2	. 990	1.090	1. 160	1.090	1.090	1. 160	1. 275	1.340	1.385	1.455	1.530
3	. 995	1.095	1. 165	1.095	1.095	1. 165	1. 280	1.345	1.390	1.460	1.535
4	1. 000	1.100	1. 170	1.100	1.100	1. 170	1. 285	1.350	1.395	1.465	1.540
5	1. 005	1.105	1. 175	1.105	1.105	1. 175	1. 290	1.355	1.400	1.470	1.545
6	1.020	1. 120	1. 195	1. 120	1. 120	1. 195	1.310	1.375	1.420	1.490	1.565
7	1.025	1. 130	1. 205	1. 130	1. 130	1. 205	1.320	1.385	1.430	1.500	1.575
8	1.045	1. 150	1. 225	1. 150	1. 150	1. 225	1.345	1.410	1.455	1.530	1.605
9	1.075	1. 185	1. 260	1. 185	1. 185	1. 260	1.380	1.450	1.495	1.570	1.650
10	1.080	1. 190	1. 265	1. 190	1. 190	1. 265	1.385	1.455	1.500	1.575	1.655
11	1.085	1. 195	1. 275	1. 195	1. 195	1. 275	1.395	1.465	1.515	1.590	1.670
12	-	-	-	1. 200	1. 200	1. 280	1.400	1.470	1.520	1.595	1.675
13	1.100	1. 210	1. 290	1. 210	1. 210	1. 290	1.410	1.480	1.530	1.605	1.685
14	1.065	1. 170	1. 245	1. 170	1. 170	1. 245	1.365	1.435	1.535	1.610	1.690
15	1.110	1. 220	1. 300	1. 220	1. 220	1. 300	1.425	1.495	1.545	1.620	1.700
16 17 18 19 20	1. 120 1. 135 1. 155 1. 165 1. 165	1. 230 1. 250 1. 270 1. 280 1. 280	1. 310 1. 330 1. 355 1. 365 1. 365	1. 230 1. 250 1. 270 1. 280 1. 280	1. 230 1. 250 1. 270 1. 280 1. 280	1. 310 1. 330 1. 355 1. 365 1. 365	1.435 1.455 1.480 1.495 1.495	1.505 1.530 1.555 1.570 1.570	1.555 1.580 1.605 1.620	1.635 1.660 1.685 1.700 1.700	1.715 1.745 1.770 1.785 1.785
21 22 23 24 25	1. 195 1. 220 1. 230 1. 110 1. 245	1. 315 1. 340 1. 355 1. 220 1. 370	1.400 1.425 1.445 1.300 1.460	1. 315 1. 340 1. 355 1. 220 1. 370	1.315 1.340 1.355 1.220 1.370	1.400 1.425 1.445 1.300 1.460	1.530 1.555 1.580 1.425 1.595	1. 605 1. 635 1. 660 1. 495 1. 675	1.655 1.690 1.715 1.725 1.730	1.740 1.775 1.800 1.810 1.815	1.825 1.865 1.890 1.900
26	1. 250	1. 375	1.465	1. 375	1. 375	1.465	1.600	1.680	1.735	1.820	1. 910
27	1. 270	1. 395	1.485	1. 395	1. 395	1.485	1.620	1.700	1.755	1.845	1. 935
28	1. 275	1. 405	1.495	1. 405	1. 405	1.495	1.630	1.710	1.765	1.855	1. 950
29	1. 305	1. 435	1.530	1. 435	1. 435	1.530	1.670	1.755	1.810	1.900	1. 995
30	1. 310	1. 440	1.535	1. 440	1. 440	1.535	1.675	1.760	1.815	1.905	2. 000
3132333435	1.325	1.460	1.555	1.460	1.460	1. 555	1.695	1. 780	1.840	1. 930	2. 025
	1.220	1.340	1.425	1.340	1.340	1. 425	1.555	1. 635	1.865	1. 960	2. 060
	1.350	1.485	1.580	1.485	1.485	1. 580	1.725	1. 810	1.870	1. 965	2. 065
	1.385	1.525	1.625	1.525	1.525	1. 625	1.770	1. 860	1.920	2. 015	2. 115
	1.405	1.545	1.645	1.545	1.545	1. 645	1.790	1. 880	1.940	2. 035	2. 135
36	1.310	1. 440	1.535	1. 440	1.440	1. 535	1. 675	1. 760	1. 975	2. 075	2. 180
37	1.465	1. 610	1.715	1. 610	1.610	1. 715	1. 865	1. 960	2. 025	2. 125	2. 230
38	1.480	1. 630	1.735	1. 630	1.630	1. 735	1. 890	1. 985	2. 050	2. 155	2. 265
39	1.545	1. 700	1.810	1. 700	1.700	1. 810	1. 970	2. 070	2. 135	2. 240	2. 350

¹ The company does not have a formal labor grade system. In order to simplify the presentation of occupational base rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has revised the table previously published to show the occupations in each of the 7 departments that receive the same rate and by assigning numerical designations to each rate.

D-2—Occupation by Rate Level, 1948-65

Rate level ¹	Carding	Department and occupation Spinning	Warp and filling
	Carding	and twisting	preparation
1	Can boys, lap carriers, roving doffers.	Roll cleaners.	
2	Roving hoister, roving men.	Band boys.	Yarn conditioners.
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8	Opener tenders, picker tenders, card tenders, card strippers, sliver lap tenders, ribbon lap tenders, drawing tenders.	Ring twister changers, ring twister doffers, redrawing machine tenders. ³	Spooler tenders, nonauto; tie-in girls; skein winders, cotton; filling winders, nonauto; cone winders, nonauto; tailing machine operators; machine drawing-in operators.
9			
10			Cone winders, nonauto high speed.
11 .	Jack frame tenders.		Warper tenders; skein winders, rayon; slasher tenders, helpers. 4
12		Up twisters. 3	
13			Spooler tenders, auto; high speed warpers, cotton; auto winders; BC drawing-in machine (new type) helpers; BC knotting machine helpers.
14		Ring spinners.	
15	Grinder helpers.		Drawers-in, hand, plain.
16	Fine frame tenders.		
17	Comber tenders.	Spinner doffers.	
18	Intermediate tenders.		
19			
20			
21			
22			Section men, winding, nonauto; section spoolers and warpers, nonauto.
23	Slubber tenders, interdrafts and super drafts.		High speed warpers, rayon; sipp warpers.
24			
25			
26		Ring twisters, wet and dry.	Section men, winding, auto; section spoolers and warpers, auto.

D-2—Occupation by Rate Level, 1948-65—Continued

Department and occupation					
Weaving	Cloth room	Maintenance	Firemen and miscellaneous	le	
Unifil supply hands, ² unifil cleaners. ²			Scrubbers and sweepers.		
	Bale sewers.				
Battery hands, unifil service hands. ²					
	Loop cutters.				
	Inspectors, balers.				
			Watchmen and gatemen.		
	Folders.		Waste balers.	į	
	Flat brushers.				
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		Journeymen, apprentices.6			
F			Coal wheelers.		
Veavers, plain auto; acquard linemen.					
mash piecers, weave oom inspectors, doupmen.					
Feavers, dobby auto.		Journeymen, helpers; 6 painters, second class.			
	Spot shearer tenders, single.				
Veavers, XK and XD filament).	***************************************				
Y	0 . 1		Yardmen. ⁷		
Veavers, Jacquard.	Spot shearer tenders, double.				

D-2—Occupation by Rate Level, 1948-65—Continued

Department and occupation							
Carding	Spinning and twisting	Warp and filling preparation					
		Drawers-in, hand, fancy and Leno.					
Card grinders, ⁸ picker bosses and fixers, section men.	Section men.						
4-14	Spindle setters.						
		Slasher tenders, plain and light shades. 4					
		Long chain beamers, long chain quillers.					
		BC drawing-in machine (new type). Operators, BC and LS knotting machine operators.					
		Slasher tenders, colored pattern, and spun rayon; twisters-in, hand.					
		Slasher tenders, filament rayon.					
	Card grinders, ⁸ picker bosses and fixers, section men.	Card grinders, ⁸ picker bosses and fixers, section men. Spindle setters.					

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Occupation not reported until 1964.
Occupation not reported until 1952.

D-2—Occupation by Rate Level, 1948-65—Continued

Department and occupation							
Weaving	Cloth room	Maintenance	Firemen and miscellaneous	Rate level ¹			
				27			
				28			
		Journeymen, 2d class, 6 painters, first class.		29			
Weavers, auto box.				30			
			Firemen, nonpower.	31			
Changers.			Truckdrivers. 7	32 33			
				34			
		Journeymen, first class.6	Trailer truckdrivers. 7	35 36			
Loom fixers, unifil fixers.				37			
Loom fixers, auto box. 4			Firemen, power.	38			
			\$ 				
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Occupation not reported in Fall River until 1955.
Cocupation not reported until 1952 in New Bedford or 1955 in Fall River.
Blacksmiths, carpenters, electricians, machinists, millwrights, pipers, and plumbers.
Cocupation not reported in New Bedford until 1955.
Does not include head or boss grinders.

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