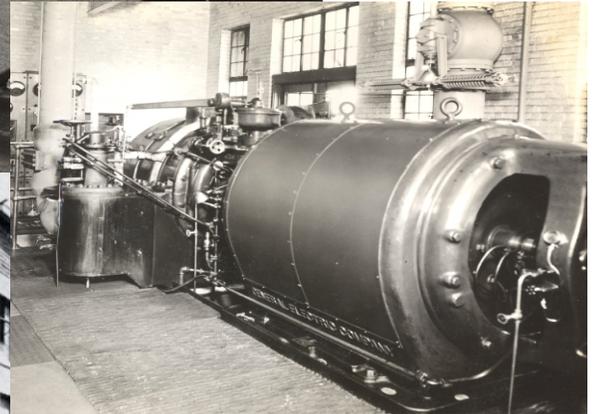
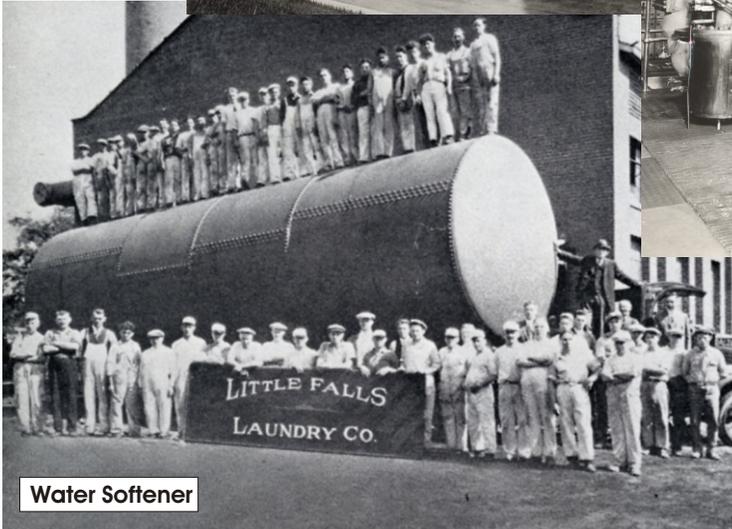


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Business flourished so that with the help of some neighbors the first laundry building was erected to take advantage of the water from the creek. The equipment included a boiler, a wooden washer and a water extractor. Thus by Thanksgiving Day in 1912 the laundry business was in full operation. By 1913 the laundry business grew so rapidly that Nick sold the huckstering routes and used the profits to purchase a motor truck in New York with the provision that the seller teach him to drive. Advertised on the side of the truck



as the patrons increased more services were requested and then added. For example, a large



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amount of water from the Peckman River was used daily. But this water had to be treated because it was hard. As most women know you don't use hard water to do the wash. Thus a water softening system was installed. By 1917 a larger building was constructed and still the growth of the business continued. Soon offices were built for the executive department and the working plant was expanded to house conveyor belts to move the materials from one department to another. Nick Vander May was not dreaming any more. He was deep in planning and expanding operations to take in more than just wash but to include storage, rug cleaning and full laundry service including ironing and sanitizing. Many facilities including fans for ventilation and exhaust, rest stations and a nurse's station for the safety and comfort for the some 560 workers were installed.

was "**Damp 50 cents Wash.**" It was at this times that his brothers John, Garret and Herman joined into a partnership in the **Little Falls Washing Company.** A short time later the two other brothers Samuel and Barney joined the crew. Nick was the manager and each of the other brothers was assigned a division In the operation of the business. For example, one brother was responsible for the collection of the wash as it was received. A unique system was set up using large safely pins instead of using markers to identify the clothes. Another brother was responsible to be sure all equipment was working properly so as not to have a delay in returning the wash. They had a backup system for all operations in the event of a breakdown. In the beginning it was only a wet wash service but

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