

In 1877, Lewis C. Norton was tasked with solving the problem of doors that slammed noisily shut. He created a legacy.



1881

First door closer installed at Boston Trinity Church.

Slamming church doors are the beginning of LCN's rich history. In 1877, Lewis C. Norton was hired to solve the problem of a Boston church's swinging doors that slammed noisily shut. His invention became the world's first door check. Soon after the doors at the Trinity Church were under control, Mr. Norton formed a company, based in Boston, Massachusetts, to manufacture his new found invention.



1900

Invention of the liquid door check

This new liquid door check controlled the door through the entire door swing by incorporating three independent hydraulic regulations. Back-check, general speed, and latch speed were necessary for total door control.



1930

Coping with the Great Depression

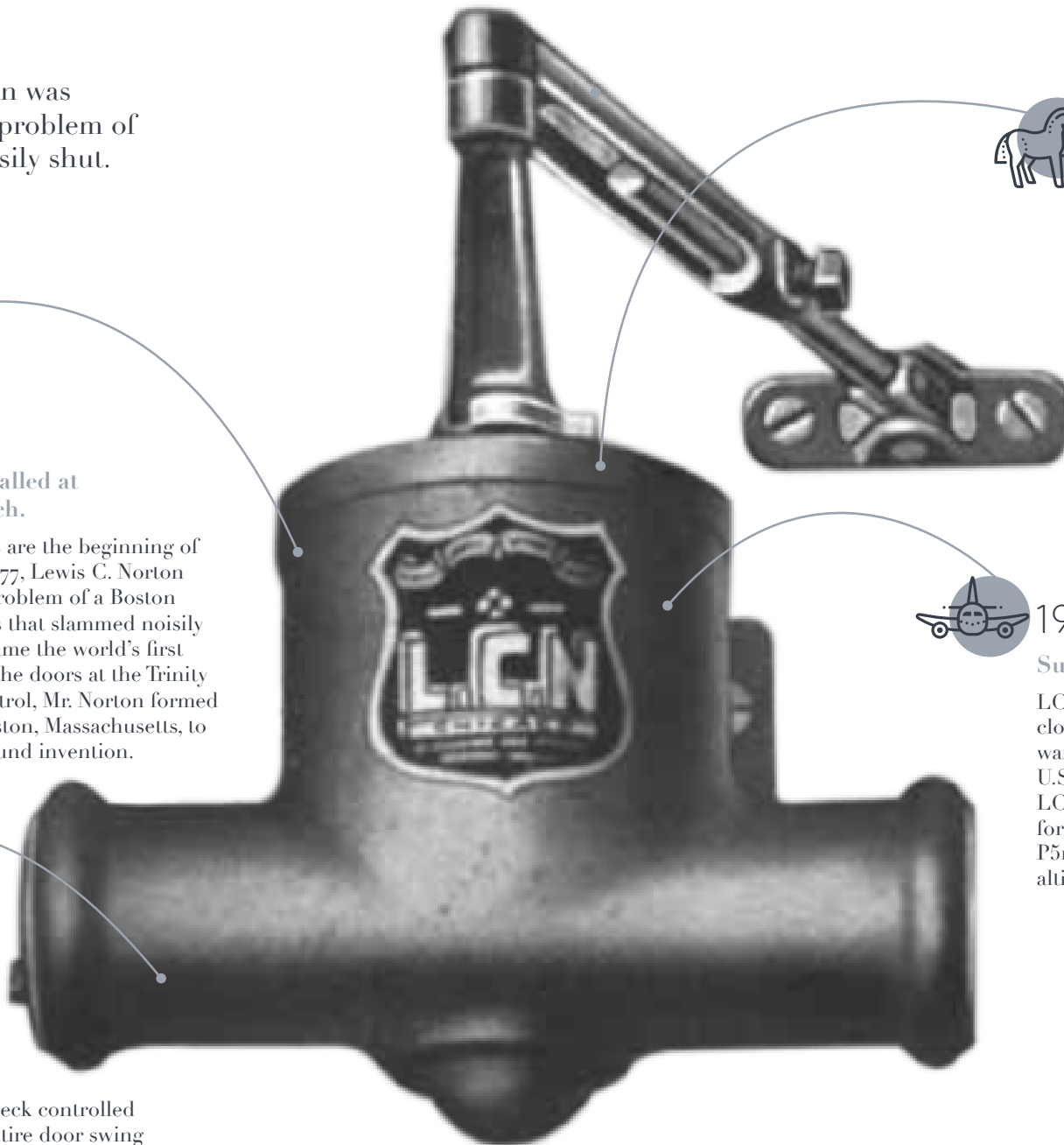
Producing wooden riding toys helped the community and company cope with the Great Depression.



1942

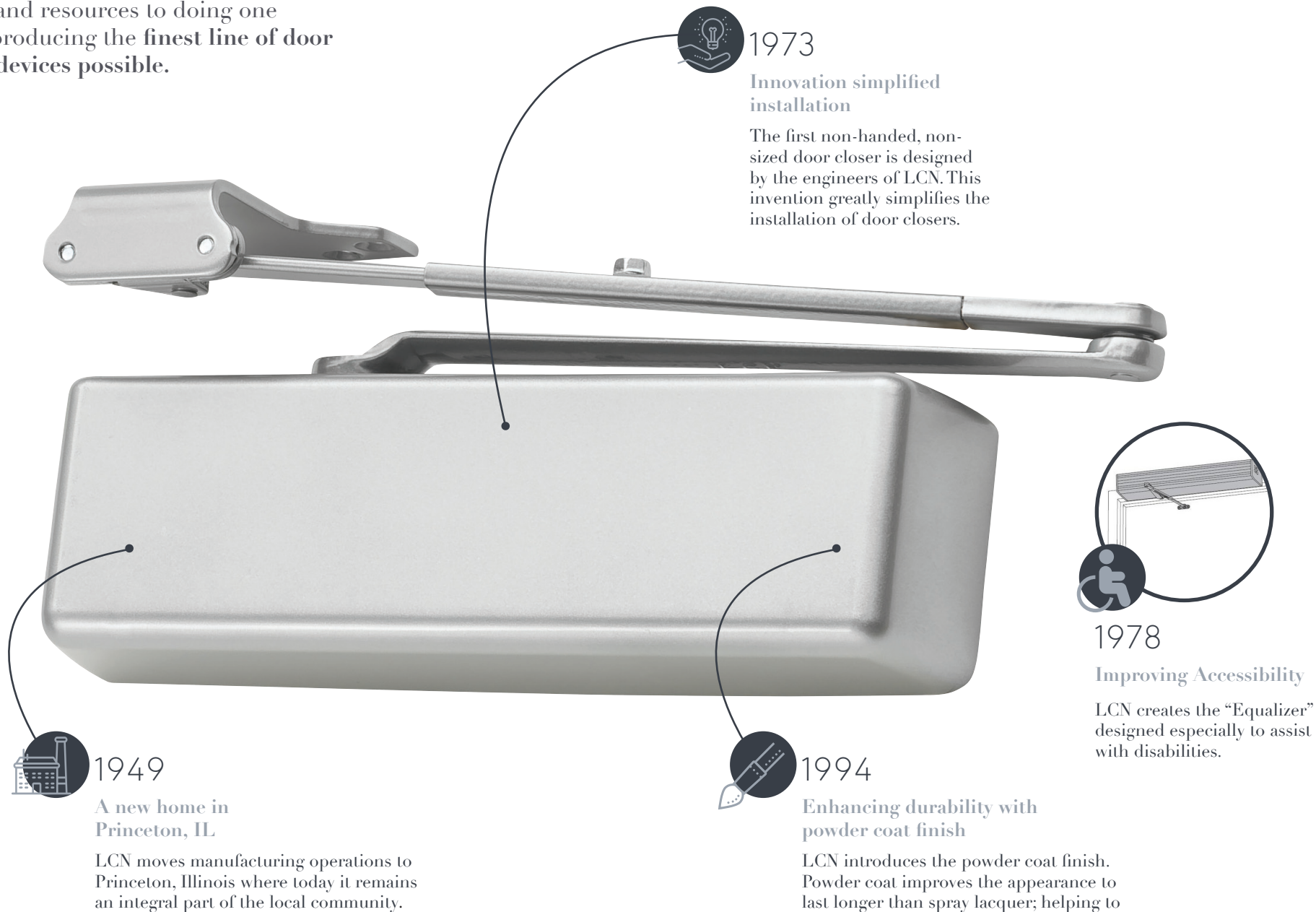
Supporting the war effort

LCN paused production of its closers to begin manufacturing war-time equipment for the U.S. government. Specifically, LCN made hydraulic fittings for fighter planes, including the P51 Mustang, which flew higher altitudes than other aircrafts.



THE STORY OF LCN

Following his ideals, LCN has dedicated its time and resources to doing one thing – producing the finest line of door control devices possible.



1973

Innovation simplified installation

The first non-handed, non-sized door closer is designed by the engineers of LCN. This invention greatly simplifies the installation of door closers.



1978

Improving Accessibility

LCN creates the “Equalizer” designed especially to assist with disabilities.



1949

A new home in Princeton, IL

LCN moves manufacturing operations to Princeton, Illinois where today it remains an integral part of the local community.



1994

Enhancing durability with powder coat finish

LCN introduces the powder coat finish. Powder coat improves the appearance to last longer than spray lacquer; helping to provide longer rust prevention. LCN meets 100 hours, with ANSI Standard at 25hrs.

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