HE CITIZENS of Whitman, Massachusetts, will celebrate a momentous event in our state's great history next month: the 80th birthday of the chocolate chip cookie, writes our food editor, September 28, 2018.

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The inspired combination of cookie dough and chunks of chocolate was invented in 1938 by Ruth Graves Wakefield, the chef and proprietor of the Toll House Inn in Whitman. Originally created as an accompaniment to ice cream, Wakefield's recipe for "Toll House Chocolate Crunch Cookies" first appeared in her Tried and True