

# Chatham Blanketeer

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## Christmas Holiday Ends As Work Is Resumed January 4

Work was resumed at the mill Monday, January 4, after a 10-day Christmas vacation which began with the traditional Christmas party December 24 at the YMCA. R. T. Chatham, Jr., was master of ceremonies for the event which featured short talks by President A. L. Butler and Executive Vice President Hugh G. Chatham, the payment of a Christmas bonus and musical entertainment by the Fred Kirby group.

Mr. Butler stated that the management of the Company is taking appropriate action to meet shifts in market demand and changing economic conditions with the result that 1954 should be another good year. He opened his talk by saying that the Company considered a year successful if the plant had run full time, a fact which had been accomplished in 1953. In order to operate on this scale the Company must sell \$50,000,000 worth of goods, he said.

There are indications that the Company will face a more difficult market and general economic situation in 1954, he continued. One problem arises from the fact that automobile manufacturers are using more plastic materials and leather in upholstery, cutting down on the quantity of fabrics purchased from Chatham, he explained. The Company is endeavoring to find new markets to replace the reduced sales in the automobile field, Mr. Butler added. He pointed out that one such alternative has already been found with expanded operations in women's wear items.

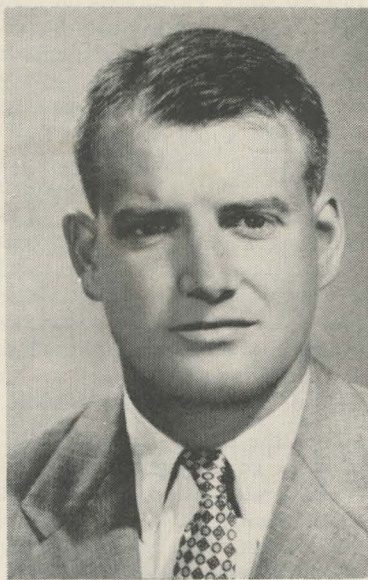
Mr. Butler also referred to the recent agreement with General Electric under which Chatham will be the sole supplier of shells for GE electric blankets and will distribute GE blankets in the department stores.

Among the high points mentioned of the past year was the acquisition of the Leaksville mills which manufacture a more inexpensive type of blanket.

Mr. Butler indicated that he had changed earlier plans to retire and would stay on as president another year in view of the new conditions facing the Company. "I don't want to run out when things are looking a little tough," he said, adding: "I believe this Mill can be competitive with any in the country. We can make better blankets at lower costs. It is said that business is the survival of the fit-



THOMAS J. SHEEHE



HADDON S. KIRK, JR.

## Thomas J. Sheehe Retires; Mr. Kirk Named Successor

Thomas J. Sheehe, vice president in charge of sales and a director of the Company, retired January 1 under the Chatham Pension Plan after a blanket selling career of more than 40 years. Haddon S. Kirk, Jr., who has been with the Company since 1947, has been named as his successor.

Mr. Sheehe, Tom, as he is known to blanket buyers throughout the length and breadth of the country, started his career when, as a boy, he went to work for Uriah French of the N. J. Thompson Company in Elmira, New York. He later worked for Edson Moore in Detroit, then as a specialty man for John V. Farwell Company.

He became associated with Chatham in 1924 as manager of the Chicago Office. In 1929 he became sales manager and moved to New York. In 1932 he was named a vice president and member of

test, and I believe we are the fittest."

Mr. Chatham, following Mr. Butler, commented that 1953 "has been a building year in every respect" in this community with new homes and churches going up continuously.

The great milestone in community progress in 1953 was the United Fund Drive, he said, and pointed out that Elkin had the best return in this drive of any of the 121 communities participating.

the board of directors of the Company.

During his association with the Company, it has grown to vast proportions and is one of the largest mills of its kind in the world. It was during this period that the transition of blankets from staples to styled items took place, and Chatham was one of the first companies to bring modern display sales offices to the Worth Street district — the first with display and promotional packaging, the first to manufacture part wool blankets in the larger sizes.

Mr. Sheehe has one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Hammer of Dallas, Texas, and two grandchildren, Kathy and T. J. He is an enthusiastic golfer and after a holiday visit with the Hammers in Dallas he plans to spend the winter months in Florida and Pinehurst where he will enjoy his favorite sport.

Mr. Sheehe's successor, Mr. Kirk, is a native of Winston-Salem. He is a graduate of Woodberry Forest School and Princeton University. He joined Chatham at the end of three years' service in the Army during World War II. With headquarters in New York City, he will supervise sales offices in Boston, Chicago, Atlanta, Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and their three children live in Plainfield, New Jersey. Mrs. Kirk is the former Charlotte Clarke of New Orleans.

## LHC Club No. 1 Elects Erline Mayberry As President For 1954

Erline Mayberry was elected president of Lucy Hanes Chatham Club No. 1 at the annual election held during the dinner meeting Thursday, January 7, at the Club House. Sammie Sprinkle, retiring president, was named vice president for 1954; Sarah Eidson was re-elected secretary with Lula Holcomb as assistant secretary. Colleen Darnell was elected treasurer, Jean Byrd assistant treasurer.

The new officers will be installed at a special service during the February meeting.

During a devotional period, Odessa Vestal gave an inspirational talk particularly appropriate for the first meeting of the New Year. Retiring officers were hostesses for the dinner.

## Johnny Davis Will Try In Finals For Morehead Scholarship

Johnny Davis, son of C. L. (Tat) Davis, Standards, and Mrs. Davis, has been selected to represent Surry County in the district try-outs for the Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina. The announcement of his selection was made by R. A. Fetzer of Chapel Hill, executive secretary of the Morehead Foundation. The scholarships are for \$1,250 a year.

The district finals, in which 12 to 15 counties will be represented, are to be held this month. There are six districts in the State. Although it is not mandatory, it usually happens that at least one scholarship is awarded in each district. Grants total \$40,000. Candidates are recommended by the high school principals of the State. Each student must be among the top four in his class.

Johnny is a student of Elkin high school. He is editor-in-chief of the high school newspaper and last fall completed his fourth year as a member of the football squad. In November he was selected "Boy of the Month" for his good work on the paper and in other extra-curricular activities.

### NOTICE

The annual shareholders' meeting of the Chatham Employees Credit Union will be held at the Gilvin Roth YMCA at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, January 28.

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**Selected Quotes**

By A. Clipper

If you've simply got to make some enemies, pick on the lazy ones.

A bachelor is a man who has faults he doesn't know about.

Not all women lie about their age. Some just won't talk about it.

Most of the things you learn by experience are things you should never learn at all.

You can live longer if you cut out the things that make you want to live longer.

A cautious man is one who hasn't let a woman pin anything on him since he was a baby.

The present generation raises the younger generation for the older generation to worry about.

A man can't make a place for himself in the sun if he keeps taking refuge under the family tree.

Man was made before woman to give him time to think of an answer to her first question.

A boy loves his dog because it is the only thing around the house that doesn't find fault with him.

A contented neighborhood is one in which each man thinks he is doing just a little better than the man next door.

Anyone who believes that men make up their own minds might well wonder how so many of them got married.

When a man begins to realize the truth about himself it reduces his desire to reform his neighbors.

If it wasn't for the installment plan a lot of animals would be wearing their own fur coats this winter.

Indigestion is a distressing stomach trouble relieved temporarily by kicking the cat or whipping the children.

Freedom: The ability to do as you please without considering anyone except the wife, the boss, the police, the neighbors, and the government.

If your boss is a dumbcluck, congratulations! If he were as smart as you are you might not have a job.

**Familiar Faces**

By Ex-Gum

In compiling this particular column about familiar faces, we were faced with an unending variety of methods of celebrating the Christmas holidays. For instance, at Gate No. 1 **Vivan Gambill** told us he took his two sons and brother-in-law to the mountains where they bagged 14 rabbits and a squirrel; didn't have enough meat, and went to the river bottom where they got 4 rabbits and a squirrel; almost enough skins for a mink coat. **Arthur Southard** and wife made a flying trip to Florida, going down the west coast by Tampa and Sarasota, across the Tamiami Trail to Miami, back by Palm Beach, Daytona and St. Augustine, with a trip to Silver Springs thrown in. **Owen Gwyn** made the quickest trip on record to New York, leaving early one morning, spending 1 hour and 45 minutes in New York, and driving back in record time. We met **Talmage Yarboro** on the driveway and found he had spent most of his vacation drilling a well, and discovered that a lot of folks in Wilkes County do drink water. Along ambled **Walter Burgiss** who informed us that he and **Mrs. Burgiss** had son and daughter and families as Christmas guests, and then made a short trip to Charlotte to recuperate.

In the Safety Director's office **Mayme Walters** said she had a lot of extra good neighbors who invited her and **Bob** out for Christmas feasts pretty often, turkey and fruit cake and such stuff. In the Credit Union office **Jean Byrd** said she went to Winston-Salem, then made a side trip to Hickory—we don't know why. **Erline Mayberry** played shutmouth, and wouldn't tell us a thing, but we've got stool-pigeons and will publish the whole story later. **Nurse Lula Holcomb** also strayed off to Winston-Salem, and then to North Wilkesboro, and again we don't know why.

Over in the Weave Room office **Foreman Noah Darnell** advised us that he spent part of his Christmas holidays at his summer home on top the Blue Ridge, just to get away from it all, we suppose. **Mary Thompson** reported that she visited her sister at Hillsboro, and **Reola Cheek** made two or three quick trips to Winston-Salem. **Tyre Cockerham** came up with the information that he visited some of his rich kinfolks and friends in Galax and Winston-Salem, and he did look well fed and full of pep. **Lola Hudspeth** said she didn't do nothin'; visited relatives, friends and neighbors a little, and had a little company, got some nice gifts, and distributed a few. **Buddy Lawrence** spent no time in foolishness. He brought down seven squirrels, and helped pull two or three big truckloads of corn off the stalk. Hard work, we calls it. **Harvey Stockton** must have been broke; said he only went across the river one time; while **Tommy Hendren**, good Boy Scout that he is, picked up a girl and took her home.

In the Main Office **Agnes Gray** seemed a little unwilling to tell us, but finally admitted that she made a leisurely trip to West Elkin, and **Floy Haynes** said she just didn't do nothin' but un-lax. We didn't get to interview **Mr. Butler**, **Hugh** or **Dick Chatham**, **Harry Lassiter**, **Raymond Harris** and other officials, but their smiling faces indicated they must have had a right good time.

On our way over to the Finishing Plant we noted **Alton Allen** and **Zeb Hurt** having a pleasant chat about holiday doings. Then up in the Burling department office **Foreman Jack Freeman** admitted that he went to Morganton, but was not admitted, and spent the time visiting his son Jack, Jr. and family. **Ruth Norman** told us last year she spent Christmas on John's Ridge; she did the same thing this year, and just for fun she helped build a pigpen. Getting ready for next winter's sausage, etcetera. **Pat Osborne**, wife and daughter went to Roanoke where his daughter is attending college, but he found his way back all right. **Curley Richardson** went to a dance at the YMCA (note) in Kannapolis, and on the way home, three miles from home, a big old mean bank rose up and hit the front end of his car, damaging his car considerably and leaving spots of non-Christmas coloring on his otherwise spotless mug. He's o. k. now, though. **Dorothy Haynes** had to do all the entertaining of lots of company at her house while old man Charlie played with his son Gail's electric train in the basement. Ain't that somep'n now?

It being the time of year it is, and with snow and ice just across the Blue Ridge, your favorite Familiar Faces columnist contracted his usual state of indisposition, and with his better half has hitch-hiked his way south with the robins, the bluebirds, ducks and other geese. Will be back with the first robin.



"This is personal!—just checking on the New Year's resolutions I made last year!"



"Quick! Pretend you're the scrub-woman ... Here comes my wife!"



"I understand you have no objection to the grave-yard shift."

A newly rich woman was trying to make an impression. "I clean my diamonds with ammonia, my rubies with wine, my emeralds with brandy, and my sapphires with milk."

A quiet woman sitting next to her looked at her and said, "I don't clean mine. When they get dirty I just throw them away."

New neighbor: "You say your son is only four, and he can spell his name backward. What's his name?"

Proud parent: "Otto."

LOANS MADE .....	
LOANS REPAID .....	
PAID IN ON SHARES (SAVING	
DIVIDENDS APPLIED TO SHARE	
WITHDRAWN FROM SHARES (SAVINGS) .....	37,573.30
NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS .....	2094
NUMBER OF BORROWERS .....	984

The above is a true and correct statement of the condition of the Chatham Employees Credit Union as of the above date to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed) James F. Amburn, Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of Jan. 1954.

(Signed) L. F. Mathis, Notary Public

## Chatham Employees Credit Union

### OPERATING STATEMENT

	1952	1953
<b>INCOME:</b>		
INTEREST FROM LOANS .....	\$17,833.04	\$20,016.36
INVESTMENT INCOME .....	4,793.32	4,884.16
LOAN INSURANCE FEES .....	2,780.06	3,091.59
ENTRANCE FEES .....	27.25	29.75
LATE PAYMENT CHARGES .....	942.88	912.31
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$26,376.55</b>	<b>\$28,934.17</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
SALARIES .....	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,760.00
STATIONERY & SUPPLIES .....	126.95	376.54
LOAN INSURANCE PREMIUM .....	2,170.89	2,561.33
CASH SHORTAGE .....	38.84	53.79
SURETY BONDS AND INS. PREM. ....	113.33	552.35
SUPERVISORY FEE TO STATE .....	554.80	670.70
N. C. CREDIT UNION LEAGUE .....	750.00	750.00
SUNDRY .....	147.38	257.60
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,874.74</b>	<b>\$ 6,982.31</b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT .....</b>	<b>\$20,501.71</b>	<b>\$21,951.86</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS:</b>		
TO GUARANTY FUND RESERVE .....	\$ 4,876.47	\$ 5,144.02
DIVIDENDS .....	13,333.60	15,890.36
TO SURPLUS .....	2,291.74	917.48
	<b>\$20,501.81</b>	<b>\$21,951.86</b>

More than 42,000,000 Americans went to work this morning in their automobiles, and back home in them tonight. Seventeen million other Americans rode in cars to schools, shopping centers, or to engage in some other activity.

Some women are too weak for housework and others aren't strong for it.

Don't worry about the job you don't like. Someone else will soon have it.

**OFFICERS OF THE BINDING WOMEN'S CLUB** are shown at the club's Christmas dinner December 15 at the YMCA. Left to right are: Jane Wooten, vice president; Odessa Vestal, president; Alma Porter, secretary and Sue Barnette, treasurer. The club was organized October 20. (Staff Photo)



**DR. J. S. HIATT**, superintendent of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, was speaker for the traditional Christmas dinner of the foremen, fixers and weighers of the Carding, Spinning and Picker departments. Others in the picture are, left to right: Jack Terrell, M. A. Hines, Vice President R. W. Harris and General Superintendent R. H. Lankford. (Staff Photo)



## BINDING

Reporter: Coetta Trivette

We were all happy to receive such a nice Christmas bonus and we wish to express our thanks and gratitude for it.

Mrs. Mittie Johnson and daughter Lois spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. D. Turner, and the Rev. Mr. Turner and children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pardue had all their family at home for Christ-

mas. Mr. and Mrs. Pardue and son James accompanied their son and brother, Bill, and his family home to Charleston, S. C., for a few days' visit. They report a wonderful time.

Hazel Cochrane spent the holidays with her daughter and son-in-law, Sgt. and Mrs. Lewis Tyson, and grandchildren in Columbus, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gough visited Mrs. Gough's mother, Mrs. H. E. Kiger, at Pinnacle.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaudie Joines had their children and grandchildren with a new grandson added to the number for Christmas.

Hattie Carson wishes to express her thanks for the nice bond the office girls gave her for Christmas.

To most girls men are not a problem, but a solution.



MRS. BEN WHITE PRICE

(Bell-Cockerham Photo)

## Price-Wooten Vows Spoken In Christmas Day Ceremony

Greta Jane Wooten, daughter of Sherrill Wooten, Cloth department, became the bride of Ben White Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Price of Jonesville, at 5 o'clock Christmas Day at the First Baptist Church in Jonesville. The Rev. Homer Bradey, pastor, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Ivry Johnson, organist, and Marie Vaught, vocalist, presented a program of wedding music.

Oregon fern, floor baskets of white gladioli and tapers in branched candelabra were used at the altar.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a waltz length dress of white tulle over taffeta fashioned with a strapless bodice over which she used a lace jacket. Her fingertip veil was caught to a bandeau of lace and tulle ornamented with orange blossoms. She carried a prayer book with a white orchid.

Frankie Morrison of Jonesville was maid of honor. She wore a waltz length dress of red tulle over taffeta and carried a bouquet of mixed white flowers.

John Frank Price of Jonesville, nephew of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Tom Price of Winston-Salem, brother of the bridegroom, Edd Wooten of Jonesville, brother of the bride, and Owen Gwyn of Elkin brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Price are graduates of Jonesville high school and are members of the junior class at ASTC, Boone, where they will make their home.



**SURROUNDED BY HER GRANDCHILDREN**, and feeling justly proud, is Lillian Wilmoth, Burling department. The children are, left to right, front: Russell Simpson, Judy Wilmoth, Stevie and Linda Davis; back row, Sandra and Sue Wilmoth, Becky and Donnie Simpson. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Wilmoth, Mr. and Mrs. Lonzie Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis, respectively.

## Jo Ann Henderson To Marry W. M. Holcomb

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Jo Ann Henderson to Wesley Myers Holcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Holcomb of Jonesville. The bride-elect is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. Henderson, Weaving department.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Success nowadays is making more money to pay taxes you wouldn't be paying if you hadn't made so much money already.

## Barbara Pennington Weds Bobby Tulbert

The marriage of Barbara Ann Pennington of Elkin to Bobby Lee Tulbert, son of Worth Tulbert, Spinning, and Mrs. Tulbert, has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Pennington of West Jefefrson.

The ceremony was solemnized December 19 at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. E. G. Jordan.

The bride wore a pastel blue wool crepe dress with navy and white accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations.

Mrs. Raymond Tulbert of Elkin was matron of honor. She wore a gray flannel suit with contrasting accessories.

Raymond Tulbert, the bridegroom's brother, was best man.

Mrs. Tulbert is a graduate of Jefferson high school and is employed by Central Telephone Company in Elkin.

Mr. Tulbert attended Elkin high school and is employed in the Carding department.

## Erma Jean Braddy To Wed M. S. Anthony

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Braddy of Hobgood have announced the engagement of their daughter, Erma Jean, to Marvin Staley Anthony of Scotland Neck, son of Mrs. Hazel O. Anthony, Spinning department. The wedding will be solemnized in June.

He is wise who says nothing when he can add nothing constructive to the conversation.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
A good name is better than  
precious ointment.

—Ecclesiastes 7:1



MRS. JAMES LINDSEY KILLEBREW

## Norma Jean Bowman Weds James Lindsey Killebrew

Norma Jean Bowman, younger daughter of H. C. Bowman, Shop, and Mrs. Bowman, became the bride of James Lindsey Killebrew, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Killebrew of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Tuesday, January 5, at the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Franklin Springs, Georgia. The Rev. H. W. Brown, director of public relations at Emmanuel College, performed the double ring ceremony.

A bridal arch with ferns, white gladioli and tapers in branched candelabra were used at the altar.

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a wedding dress of Chantilly lace over satin fashioned with a bouffant skirt and snug-fitting waist with yoke of illusion. Her fingertip veil of illusion cascaded from a lace bonnet trimmed with seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

Bonnie Bowman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a dress of red chiffon velvet and net and carried a bouquet of red gladioli. She wore a matching bandeau of gathered net over velvet.

Bridesmaids were Hazel Parton of Rutherfordton, Betty Reece of Jonesville, Naomi Synan of Hope-

well, Virginia, and Ruth West of Elkin. Their dresses were identical to that of the honor attendant. Each wore a matching bandeau and carried an arm bouquet of white gladioli.

Vangeline Brown of Franklin Springs was flower girl. She carried a miniature parasol filled with red roses. Honorary bridesmaids were Sue Woodruff of Cleveland, Georgia, Helen Lawson of Winston-Salem, Lexine Rollins of Bethel, Muriel Brooks of Clinton, Deanie Houser of Greenville, N. C., Ivonne Finchum of Oklahoma City and Margie Bearden of Rockingham.

Roderick Randolph of Marion, N. C., was best man. Ushers were James Reece of Jonesville, Linwood Creel, Jr. of Durham, Don Reece of Belton, S. C., and Russell Sawyers of Miami, Florida.

For a Southern wedding trip, the bride changed to a gray wool suit with which she used navy accessories. Her corsage was of pink rosebuds.

Mrs. Killebrew is a graduate of Emmanuel Academy and was a member of the sophomore class at Emmanuel College until her marriage.

Mr. Killebrew is a graduate of Emmanuel Academy and is now a

## Holcomb-Edwards Vows Solemnized

Mary Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raner Edwards of the Baldwin community, West Jefferson, became the bride of Clinton Jones Holcomb, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Holcomb of Jonesville, at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 20, at Bethany Methodist Church. The Rev. Grady Burgin performed the double ring ceremony.

Betsy Ann Edwards, pianist, and Mrs. Matthew Reynolds, vocalist, presented a program of nuptial music.

Palms, pines, floor baskets of white gladioli and tapers in branched candelabra were used at the altar.

The bride wore a ballerina length dress of white nylon net and Chantilly lace over duchess satin. The bodice was designed with a small collar and long sleeves tapering into points at the wrists. Her veil of nylon net was scalloped at the edges and trimmed with lilies-of-the-valley. She carried a Bible with a white orchid showered with baby orchids and white satin ribbons.

Betsy Jo Edwards, only sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Her dress was of pink nylon embroidered in matching braid. She wore a bandeau of mixed flowers and carried a nosegay of mixed flowers.

Wesley Holcomb, only brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Bill Boles and John Wesley Mathis of Jonesville, James Baldwin and Edwin Houck of West Jefferson.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple received in the church vestibule. Later they left for a wedding trip to Western North Carolina. For travel the bride wore a brown tweed suit with matching accessories.

Mrs. Holcomb is a member of the faculty of Jonesville elementary school. Mr. Holcomb is employed in the Wet Finishing department. They are making their home at 101 Surry Avenue, Elkin.

## Final Rites Held For Mrs. Laffoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Jane Queen Laffoon, wife of Hasten Laffoon, retired Chatham employee, were held Monday, January 4, at 9:30 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Roscoe Davis, North Bridge Street, and at 11:00 at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Alexander County. Mrs. Laffoon died Saturday at her home after an illness of four months.

She was born August 12, 1868

member of the freshman class of Southwestern College, Oklahoma City. He is employed by the C. R. Anthony Company in Oklahoma City.



**THE ENGAGEMENT** of Carolyn Josephine Stuart to the Rev. Samuel A. Burgess, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Burgess of Garden City, N. Y., has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Stuart, the latter an employee of the Packing department. The bridegroom-elect is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Elkin.

(Redmon Photo)

**DANEAL**, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Reece of Dallas, Texas, is a grandson of Roby Reece, Weave, and a nephew of Norma Reece, Burlington.

in Alexander County. She was twice married. Her first husband, R. C. Queen of Alexander County, died in 1943. She was married to Mr. Laffoon in 1946. She was a member of the West Elkin Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters of her first marriage; 15 grandchildren and two half-sisters.

The service at the home was conducted by the Rev. W. C. Guth and the Rev. J. L. Powers. The service at the church was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Powers and the Rev. Mr. Isenhour. Interment was in the church cemetery.



"UNCLE CHARLIE" DAY, ONE OF THE REAL OLD-TIMERS, and HUGH G. CHATHAM exchange holiday greetings at the Retired Employees Christmas luncheon. Others in the picture are Beulah Parks, Emma Emerson, Minnie Wray and Della Chambers; in the picture at right enjoying a holiday visit, are Lena Hodge, "Aunt Bet" Mauldin, Marjorie Key and Callie Foster. (Bell-Cockerham Photo)

### Swaim-Sloop Vows Spoken December 22

The marriage of Jacqueline Sloop and Johnny G. Swaim was solemnized December 22 in the after-



APPROXIMATELY 150 GUESTS, including retired employees, foremen and Company officials, attended the Christmas luncheon given by the Company in honor of the retired employees. (Bell-Cockerham Photo)



### WARPING C SHIFT

Reporter: Ila Hayes

As we start on a New Year, we each and everyone are hoping that it will be a successful one for us all. We are proud of our Company and of last year and other years with Chatham.

We still have a few on our shift who are not back to work yet. We hope they will soon be back with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Osborne and children and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Newman were the Sunday dinner guests of Marie and Tommy Johnson.

Mrs. Lee Weltner of Charleston, S. C., is visiting her sister, Anne Masten, and Mr. Masten.

Clara and Dorothy Jean Transon and Jerry Powell were Sunday afternoon guests of Anne and Glenn Masten.

Ernest Martin, Troy Myers, Creston Mason and Garvey Nicks just "don't have any news," so they say.

Mary Chappell just stayed home and rested during the week-end.

Arvil Gentry also spent a quiet week-end "just restin'."

Jewel Haynes was too busy getting a sample spooled to even think of news when I passed her way.

Mrs. Sinda Lou Shore was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Ila Hayes.

It's better to have a hen tomorrow than an egg today.

### Spoken December 24

The marriage of Betty Ann Joyner and Roy C. Judd, Jr., was solemnized December 24 in Chester, South Carolina.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joyner, the latter an employee of the Spinning department. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Judd, Wool and Warp employees, respectively.

The bride wore a blue jersey dress with fur trim with which she used black accessories.

Sammye Eskridge and Frank Chatman accompanied the couple to South Carolina.

Mrs. Judd is a graduate of Jonesville high school and is employed at Central Telephone Company in Elkin. Mr. Judd attended Elkin high school and is employed in the Wet Finishing department.

### WORSTED DIVISION

A SHIFT

Reporter: Ollie Dorsett

Marshall Woodruff reports that he gained only five pounds during the Christmas holidays.

The former Arlene Wood and her brand new husband, Fred Ross, visited Imogene Hardy Sunday night.

Lousine Simmons had as guests during the Christmas holidays her mother, two brothers and her sister, all from Burlington.

B SHIFT

Reporter: Alta McCann

Jo and Phil Dockery had as their New Year's guests Ann and Bill Calloway.

Mary and Sim DeHart had as

### Thank You!

Mrs. Ruth Caudle and children wish to thank all the people from the Mill, the Boy Scouts and their Scoutmaster Graham Johnson, who helped to make their Christmas happier by sending food, toys, cash donations and blankets to them.

their guest during the Christmas holidays Sim's brother, Edward, of Cherry Point.

Everyone had a wonderful time visiting their relatives during the Christmas holidays.

A big man is not one who makes no mistakes, but one who is bigger than any mistake he makes.



ROBERT E. FREEMAN

### Robert E. Freeman Dies Unexpectedly

Funeral services for Robert E. Freeman, who died unexpectedly Wednesday, January 13, were conducted Friday afternoon at Longtown Methodist Church by the Rev. J. L. Powers, the Rev. George Walters and the Rev. Clyde A. Parker. Mr. Freeman was retired under the Chatham Pension Plan last March after working with the Company for 33 years.

Surviving in addition to his wife, the former Nora Smith, are two sons: Clarence Freeman of Elkin and Jasper Freeman of Winston-Salem; four daughters: Mrs. Thurmond Stewart of Salisbury, Mrs. Weaver Pardue of Winston-Salem, Mrs. D. R. Snow of Dobson and Mrs. Vivian Shore of the home; 10 grandchildren; three brothers: E. J. Freeman, Burling, Jesse Freeman, Spinning, and John Freeman, a retired Chatham employee; and two sisters: Mrs. Charlie Sparks of Jonesville and Mrs. Nora McLaughlin of Yakima, Washington.



### SHIPPING

Reporter: Loretta Collins

E. A. Calloway recently purchased a TV set. He had heard of the big installation fee and now he knows why there is such. After they finally found the right spot for the aerial, he had to have a new roof. While moving a truck around the yard, the company burst a water main and tore down a power line. But the last account we had was that the Callo-



### BURLING

A SHIFT

Reporter: Ruby Pardue

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fisher, Jr., and children of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fisher and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pinnix of Miami, Fla., are visiting Cleo and Garfield Woodle and other relatives here.

Angeline and Betty Jean Holbrook of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with their parents, Pauline and Earl Holbrook.

Mrs. Kenneth Steelman of Yadkinville was the dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reinhardt.

Bertha Hudspeth and Emma Gross are on our sick list. We send best wishes to both of them.

B SHIFT

Reporter: Mattie Spicer

Marshall Weatherman's guests for the week-end were her daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Bill Martin.

Ettie Stanley visited her daughter, Mrs. Faye Watson, and son Leroy, in Black Mountain during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Felts of Winston-Salem spent the week-end with Troy and Gladys Myers.

Among Verlie Richardson's Christmas guests were her son Lester Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Swanson of Baltimore, Md.

Delpha and Willie Stroud were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clero Swaim at their home at Cycle.

Frank Young, U. S. Navy, stationed at Quantico, Va., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. C. W. Young, and sister, Mae Dockery.

ways are enjoying television very much.

Jeanette Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Swaim and son Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sturdivant in Lewisville Sunday night.

Jimmy Bright of Winston-Salem and George Bright of Nashville, Tennessee, were recently guests of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Couch.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Adams and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Grady Renegar, the latter their daughter, in Flint, Michigan, during the Christmas holidays. While there they enjoyed a trip to Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Carter and family visited Mr. Carter's mother in Danville, Va., during the holidays.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Simpson on the arrival of



HUGH G. CHATHAM, executive vice president, extended Christmas greetings for the Company and the Chatham family and discussed community relations during the past year at the Employees' Christmas Party December 24 at the YMCA. Others shown in the picture are, left to right, Mrs. Hugh Chatham, Mrs. Albert Butler, Mr. Butler, Mrs. R. T. Chatham, Jr., and son, Hanes, R. T. Chatham, Jr., and R. G. Chatham. (Bell-Cockerham Photo)



R. T. CHATHAM, JR., master of ceremonies for the Christmas party, and one of the Fred Kirby entertainers were evidently engaged in an amusing conversation, judging from their expressions and from the merriment being shown by Mr. Butler. (Bell-Cockerham Photo)

a new daughter, Patricia Elaine, New Year's Day at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital. The little girl was Elkin's first baby of the New Year and as such was awarded many pretty and useful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Royall and

son visited Mr. and Mrs. Coy Royall in Miami, Florida, during the Christmas vacation.

Ralph Gentry has finally killed another rabbit, which makes him one in five years. Wonder what happened to Mr. Carter's luck?

### Final Rites Held For Paul N. Shore

Funeral services for Paul Nelson Shore, a Chatham employee for 16 years, were conducted Thursday morning, January 14, at Mountain View Baptist Church, Yadkin County, by the Rev. J. L. Powers, the Rev. Lloyd Pardue and the Rev. Arthur Shore. Mr. Shore was killed almost instantly Tuesday morning at his home in the North Elkin community by a falling tree which he and his son were cutting down.

Mr. Shore was born May 23, 1907, in Yadkin County, a son of the late David and Ethel Hudspeth Shore. He was married to the former Leona Holleman who survives. As a young man he moved to Jonesville from the Mountain View community and lived there for nine years before moving to North Elkin three years ago.

In addition to his wife he is survived by seven children all of the home; four grandchildren, two brothers and five sisters.

### Roger Harpe Named Justice In Wilkes

Roger L. Harpe, Sr., a Carding employee, has been appointed by Governor William B. Umstead as Justice of the Peace for Edwards Number 3 Township in Wilkes County.

Notice of the appointment was received from Mrs. Claire E. Nichols, executive clerk in the Governor's office. Justice Harpe took his oath before Cora Caudill of North Wilkesboro, Clerk of Court.



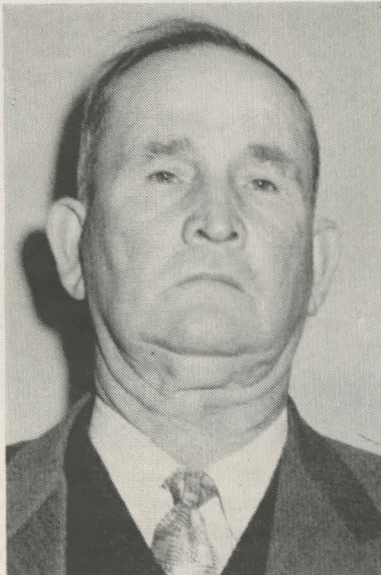
COMPANY OFFICIALS AND CHATHAM SALESMEN met December 15 at the YMCA for their annual session. Attending the meeting were, beginning at the front and reading left to right: James O'Connor, William I. Smoot, Raymond Chatham, Martin Coffyn, John D. Eller, Thomas Redfern and Fred Folsom; Worth McAlister, Harry Loy, T. J. Sheehe, Tracy Pratt, Thomas L. Chatham, William I. Burtis, and Hugo Bluege; James H. Phillips, A. R. Vreeland, Robert S. Walker, John L. Morehead, Charlie Crumm, Wyman Poor and Charles W. Armstrong, Jr.; Charles G. Chatham, Henry Eidt, Hugh G. Chatham, Reginald Harris, Haddon S. Kirk, Jr.; George Marshall, Harry Lassiter, R. T. Chatham, Jr., James Wilson, Jay Hill, Albert L. Butler, Jack Clark and Robert Sale. (Bell-Cockerham Photo)

### Twinkle Jackson And Dick Hodel Win Top Honor At EHS

Twinkle Jackson, daughter of Dewitt Jackson, Wool Room, and Mrs. Jackson, and Dick Hodel, son of Superintendent E. M. Hodel and Mrs. Hodel, have been named "Girl and Boy of the Month" by the Student Council of Elkin high school where they are members of the junior class.

Twinkle is a granddaughter of Mrs. Tina Jackson, retired Chatham employee, and the late Charlie G. Jackson who was a Chatham employee for many years. She is a member of the Senior Hi-Y and Bi-Phy-Chem clubs, is chaplain of her Girl Scout troop, president of her church youth group, a homeroom captain and a Student Council representative.

Dick is treasurer of his class, vice president of the Hi-Y, secretary of the Leader's Training Club and a member of the Latin and Beta Clubs. By virtue of his high scholastic standing in his class, he has been chosen as a school marshal for 1954.



W. C. WILMOTH celebrated his 65th birthday anniversary last July and was retired under the Chatham Pension Plan. He had been with the Company for 10 years. He worked in various departments, but was in the Card Room for the greatest part of the time. (Staff Photo)

### SAFETY HONOR ROLL — 1953

Department	Date of last Accident	Man-Hours Thru December 31, 1953
NAPPING	November 24, 1943	2,550,551
SPINNING	August 17, 1951	2,030,699
CLOTH	January 15, 1941	1,698,298
PACKING	October 25, 1944	954,133
SHOP	July 9, 1949	916,412
DYE HOUSE	July 15, 1949	719,689
BINDING	February 4, 1952	667,555
CARDING	June 13, 1952	633,155
WARP	September 12, 1950	600,676
WOOL	June 15, 1950	567,040
WASTE	December 4, 1947	562,634
BURLING	January 11, 1952	431,652
WINDING	December 29, 1950	309,040
COMMISSARY	January 11, 1946	300,171
OUTSIDE	February 18, 1947	273,360
POWER PLANT	September 9, 1947	237,667
ELECTRIC	March 22, 1944	234,791
SHIPPING	October 22, 1952	194,411
PRINTING	January 15, 1941	160,656
RECEIVING	September 2, 1941	152,107
PIECE DYE	May 22, 1952	149,429
WORSTED DIVISION		122,962
WOOL ROOM NO. 2	April 17, 1952	89,865
SCOURING	May 6, 1952	84,780

The best cure for neurosis is work in liberal doses.

Warning: A little yearning can be a dangerous fling.