



SEASON'S GREETINGS

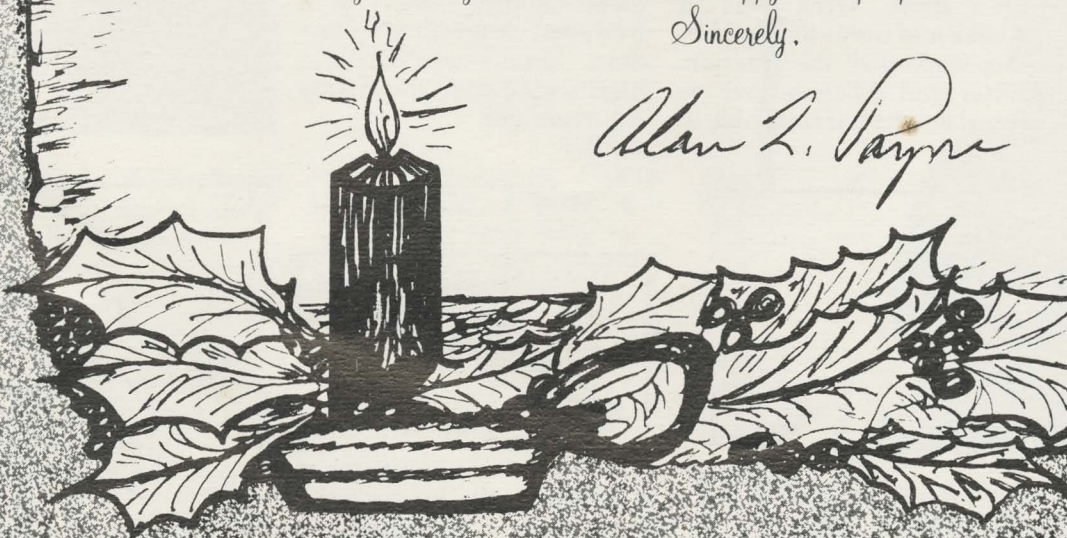
Dear Fellow Employee:

Every year at this time it is my privilege to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is sometimes said with no feeling and no thought. More often, however, it is used to express the warmth and good wishes that are felt for someone because of friendship, past deeds, admiration, and so on. I have the joy of using it to express my heartfelt thanks to you for a job well done. Our company is stronger this year than ever before and we are securing our future by the job we are doing and the attitude we have toward it. There is no better way for me to say thank you than to say I and my family sincerely wish for each of you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This year, for all Chatham Employees, I have the privilege of speaking to our fellow employees at Northern Feather locations around the world. We thank you for your welcome into the Northern Feather organization. We look forward to the future of this great company and to being a part of it. So, from all of us, the employees of Chatham Manufacturing Company, we wish for all of you at Northern Feather a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Alan L. Payne



Discounts**Especially for You**

Check in the Personnel Department occasionally for the employee discounts we have for you. Currently we have several different types of discount coupons from local businesses. You can pick these up from the counter outside the Chatham Credit Association.

**Then and Now
Guess Who**

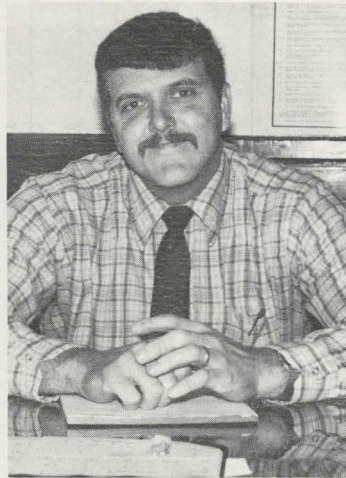
This Chatham employee turned forty years old on December 13. Do you know who he is?

(Answer on Page Seven)

**Personnel Changes Announced****Elton Lay**

Elton Lay, formerly Department Head of the Piece Dye Department, has been promoted to the newly created position of Fabric Finishing Superintendent. In his new job, Elton will have the responsibility of watching over the finishing processes as they are applied through different departments. He will work to see that the finished Chatham product is a high quality product and finished to exact customer specifications.

Elton's wife Thelma teaches second grade at C.B. Eller School. They have three sons. Kevin will graduate from North Carolina State in May and he is getting married this month. Steve lives in Raleigh and works for People's Bank. Greg lives in Alaska and works for the U.S. Department of the Interior. Elton and Thelma love to travel and he has been able to

**Sherry Lowder**

dabble in his hobby of photography while on trips. He especially enjoyed photographing the scenery on their recent trip to Alaska.

Sherry Lowder has taken over as Department Head in the Piece Dye Department. Sherry is a newcomer to Chatham, but he has years of experience in dyeing and finishing. He most recently worked in Cramerton as the lab manager for the J.P. Stevens automotive plant.

Sherry and his wife Deborah live in New London, North Carolina. They are planning to move to this area when school is out for the year. Deborah works as a teacher's assistant at North Stanley High School. Deborah and Sherry have three children. Sheri is a freshman at North Carolina State. Jamie is a freshman in high school and Matthew is ten years old.

In Memoriam**Pearl B. Johnson**

November 16
Mother of Ada G. Johnson,
Warp and Demie J. Darnell,
Weave.

Lula Colbert

November 17
Sister of Ruby F. Blackburn,
Piece Dye.

John Robert Calloway

November 17
Retired Employee

Annie Sue Simmons

November 20
Sister of Betty L. Jolley,
Sample.

Minnie W. Moody

November 28
Retired Employee
Sister of William J. Wagoner,
retired and Mary W.
Haynes, retired.

A.V. Lowery

December 3
Brother of Marguerite
Church, retired and Rhodesia
Garris, retired.

Ossie E. Jones

December 4
Sister of Ernest Edwards,
retired.

James D. Carlton

December 8
Retired Employee
Husband of Ruth J. Carlton,
retired.

Notice

The Internal Revenue Service has issued new federal withholding tax tables to become effective January 1, 1989. Payroll checks dated after December 31, 1988 will reflect this change.

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Comments, suggestions, and story ideas are encouraged and should be directed to the Editor.

Kathie McDaniel, Editor

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Club News - The L.H.C. Club No. 1 held their annual Christmas dinner on December 1 at the Moose Lodge in Yadkinville. Entertainment was provided by Debo Lawrence (left) who sang an arrangement of tunes including ballads, country music and music celebrating the Season. L.H.C. President Pearl Phillips (right) presided. The tables were decorated with white

candles and small trees with blue bows and silver ornaments. The trees were given away as door prizes. Approximately 206 members and guests attended. Debbie Gentry (Research Lab) was chairman this year. Serving on the committee were Sarah Mabe, Ruby Robinson, Mosha Jolly, Kathleen Gentry, Christine Day, Nellie Jo Park and Ollie Dorsett.



New grandma **Wilda Long** received some special attention from her coworkers in the Blanket Order Processing Department. Her cut-off pants and pink bows were in honor of a granddaughter, Ashley Michelle Long. Ashley was born on December 1. She weighed seven pounds, eleven ounces and was twenty-two and one-half inches long. The parents are Mitchell (Weave) and Sandra Long (Winding). Her other grandmother is Mae Summers (Winding).

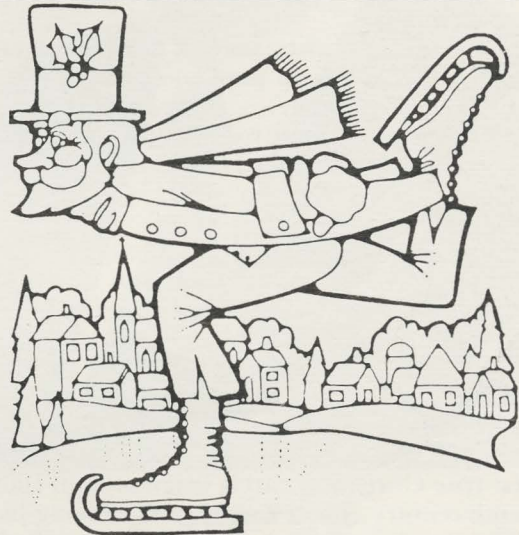
Whiz Quiz

These lines about Christmas are familiar. From where do they come and who wrote them?

1. "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring - not even a mouse."
2. "Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies."
3. "Nobody shoots at Santa Claus."
4. "Silent Night, Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright."
5. "...on earth peace, good will toward men."
6. "God bless us everyone!" said Tiny Tim..."

ANSWERS

1. From the Poem, *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, written in 1823 by Clement Moore.
2. From an editorial titled "Is there a Santa Claus?" published in the *New York Sun* in 1897. It was written by Francis P. Church in reply to an inquiry by a little girl.
3. From a campaign speech in 1936 by Alfred E. Smith.
4. From an English translation of a carol written in 1818 by Joseph Mohr. The tune was composed by Franz Gruber.
5. From *Luke 2: 14*.
6. From *A Christmas Carol* written in 1843 by Charles Dickens.



Roger Jenkins (Piece Dye) and his wife **Carol** were invited to come by the Personnel Department and pick out a Downelle blanket for themselves. Carol is an employee of IH Services, the company that holds the cleaning contracts. Carol was disposing of some boxes when she discovered a box with 2 blankets still in it. Since she was honest enough to return the box of blankets, she and Roger were given their choice of a free blanket.

Christmas 'Whys'

Why Christmas December 25...

To the early Christians, birthdays were a pagan custom. It was unthinkable to celebrate one's own birthday, much less the birthday of Christ. It was sacrilege even to suggest that a Divine Being had a birthday.

In the next 300 years this attitude began to change, and in 354 A.D., the Bishop of Rome declared December 25 to be the anniversary of the birth of Christ.

Why Christmas Gifts...

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas dates back to the Three Wise Men, who appeared out of the desert bearing gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the new-born Infant.

Since then, the act of giving has been shrouded in an air of mystery that surrounds both giver and gift.

Why Christmas Cards...

Henry Cole, an Englishman, was the originator of the idea of sending greeting cards at Christmas time. He took an artist's drawing, hand-painted it, and sent it as a greeting to a friend at Christmas time, 1846. The English Royalty took up the idea as a most gracious way to extend greetings to their friends at Christmas.

Year after year, the Christmas card, the messenger of joyful remembrance, has grown in popularity.

Why Holly and Mistletoe...

Holly was first used in English windows to indicate Christian worship, as the red berries were supposed to represent the blood of Jesus. The holly was believed to keep evil spirits away.

Mistletoe was sacred in many ancient religions. The Druids of England cut it with a golden knife and hung it over the doors, believing that only happiness could pass under the branch. They also used it in their marriage ceremonies, originating the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.

Why Carols...

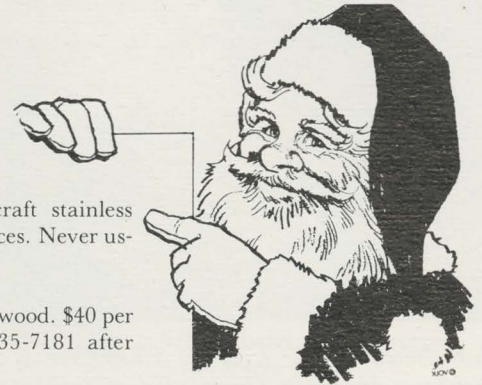
The custom of singing Christmas carols dates back to ancient times when waifs and minstrels sang them in the streets.

The first true Christmas carols originated in Italy during the thirteenth century. These carols, with folksong-like quality and childlike simplicity, gave way to more dignified, solemn Christmas hymns in the eighteenth century. With the nineteenth century came the writing of the beautiful *Silent Night, Holy Night*.



With friends like these...well anyway, the folks in the Furniture Upholstery office are quick to make everyone else aware when one of their own passes a "Big O" birthday and this time it was **Nancy Wagoner**. Nancy came to work on her fortieth birthday to find all her coworkers dressed in black, a black wreath hanging over her desk, black candles everywhere, and an arrangement of black flowers and black balloons on her desk. As if that wasn't enough, there were a few large signs in the hallways. Sure hope Nancy wasn't planning on keeping this a secret. Anyway, it's nice to be remembered.

Chatham Trader



FOR SALE: Towncraft stainless steel cookware, 12 pieces. Never used. Call 835-5811.

FOR SALE: Dry oak wood. \$40 per pick up load. Call 835-7181 after 4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1970 Chevrolet pickup truck, long bed, V-8, straight drive. \$600 or best offer or will trade for antique furniture or antique pottery. Call 835-3771 after 6:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: Doberman puppies (3 male - red and gold, 4 female - black and rust) 9 weeks old, Worlock type, purebred. Will hold for Christmas. \$95 each. Call 366-2762 anytime.

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FOR SALE: Boss II wood heater, brick lined. Call 874-2882.

FOR SALE: Royal portable manual typewriter. Like new. Will make nice gift. \$40. Call 835-1816 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays.

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FOR SALE: Marble top coffee table. Call 835-2971.

FOR SALE: American vitamins, \$30 per box - 4 months supply of vitamin A, B, C, D and E. Call 835-3072 evenings.

FOR SALE: Wingard antenna booster, complete with cable. \$45. Call 957-2027.

FOR SALE: Canna bulbs - all colors. Call 957-2027.

FOR SALE: Mobile home 10x42, 1 full bath, 1 bedroom, just been refinished, furnished. Ideal for one person or vacation home. Call 835-3347 after 4 p.m.

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FOR SALE: 2 mobile home axles, electric brakes \$150. Wheels and tires \$18.00. Mobile home tongue with jack \$25.00. Call 835-3347 after 4 p.m.

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FOR SALE: 1970 Ford pickup, V-8, straight drive, short bed. Call 835-4332.

FOR SALE: 1978 Plymouth Volare wagon, one owner, PB, PS, automatic, cruise. Call 835-4332.

FOUND

A ladies watch. Call 529 to give a description and claim.

This column is free to our employees and retirees and is for their use only. Ads are limited to 25 words each. Ads are not held over for another printing. Call #529 to list your items in the Chatham Trader.

Alan Payne selected for NCTMA office

Chatham President and Chief Executive Officer Alan Payne has been elected to serve as First Vice President, North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association (NCTMA) for the year 1989. NCTMA elected new officers and directors at its 82nd Annual Meeting held in November. Elected President, succeeding Marshall Y. Cooper, Jr. of Harriet & Henderson Yarns, Inc., was John W. Copeland, President of American & Efird, Inc.

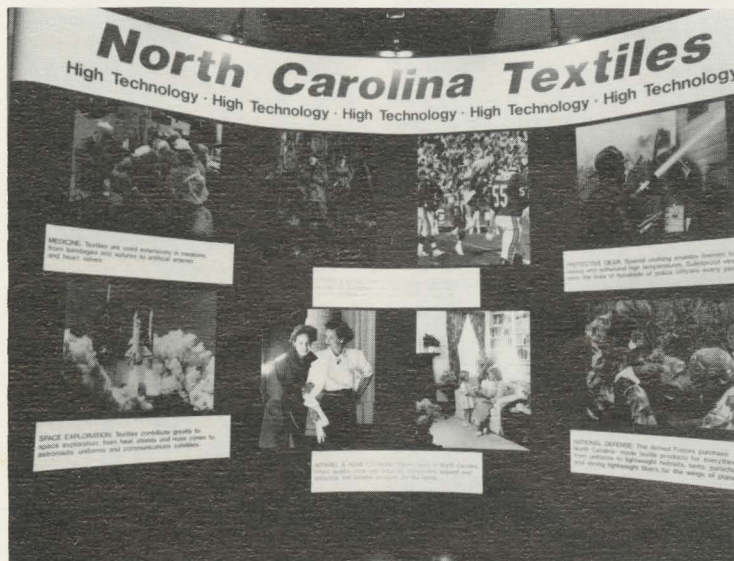
NCTMA is made up of textile companies organizing together to address issues that are important to our industry. NCTMA promotes education programs and coordinates public relation and communication programs for the textile industry. Government relation and political action items concerning textiles are dealt with by NCTMA employees and NCTMA representatives from member companies.

As First Vice President, Alan Payne will be in line to be elected President for 1990. His duties this coming year will consist of being a member of the executive committee which establishes policies on programs and finances. He will be a part of the development and implementation of these programs. It will be a year of becoming more familiar with the inner workings of the office of President.

Alan Payne is a thirty-five year veteran of Chatham and has been the President and Chief Executive Officer since 1985. He is a graduate of the College of Textiles at North Carolina State University with a bachelor's degree in textile manufacturing. Alan and his wife Billie have two sons, Flynt and Jeff.



Alan Payne



One of the 10-foot displays shows end uses of high technology textiles made in North Carolina. They include protective gear and artificial turf for sports, fire and bullet resistant clothing, heat shields for space craft, Army tents, artificial arteries, and much, much more.

NCTMA Purchases Display

NCTMA has purchased a 20-foot portable display to be used to promote the North Carolina textile industry.

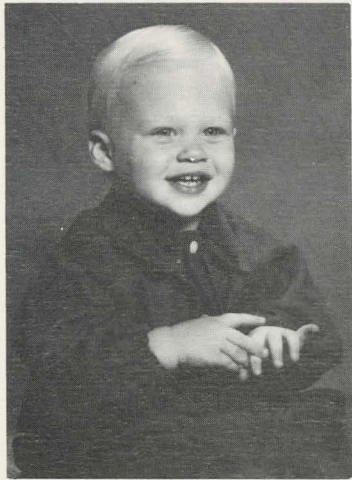
The display is the result of work by the Exhibits Subcommittee of the NCTMA Textile Week Committee. Kathie McDaniel of Chatham Manufacturing is chairman of the Exhibits Subcommittee. Financial support for the project came from many textile companies throughout North Carolina.

The display is actually two ten-foot displays that are complete within themselves. Each display has been designed to complement the other so that the two can be used as one 20-foot display or two ten-foot displays used separately.

The theme of the display is "North Carolina Textiles: High Technology." This theme was chosen to show people outside the industry just how modern and progressive textiles have become.

The display has been shown at the Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh and at the Textile Show in Greenville, South Carolina. The display is available for use by NCTMA member companies. The flexible design of the units allows companies to add photographs, a logo, literature or their own products to the display.

Let me tell you about...



Dustin Allen Price is the eighteen month old son of Ben and Beth Price. He is the grandson of Wayne Gilliam (ARA) and the great grandson of James Carlton, retired.



Jayce and Casey Long are the children of Debbie (Weave) and Tommy Long. They are the grandchildren of Conrad Money (retired). Jayce is two and one-half and Casey is six months.



William Andrew Collins (Drew) is the son of Randy and Angela Collins. He is the grandson of William (Bill) Collins (Yarn Mfg., Boonville) and is the nephew of Wayne Brown (Warp). Andrew is two years old.



Matthew and Emily Ann Brown are the children of Steve and Glenda Brown of Yadkinville. Matthew is six and Emily is almost four. The grandparents are Henry G. (Shorty) Brown, Superintendent of Finishing, and Jo Brown. Ruth Southard (retired) is their great-grandmother.



Veronica and Sarah are the children of Tommy and Selena Southard and the grandchildren of S.M. Southard, Jr. (Wet Finish). Veronica is nine months old and Sarah is nine years old.



Caleb Morgan Pardue is the son of Craig and Cheryl Pardue (Cost Accounting). He is the grandson of John (Technical) and Verna Jackson (Shipping). Caleb is two months old.



Jessica and Chase Holcomb are the children of Ann and Clay Holcomb and the great grandchildren of Margaret and Junior Key (retired). Jessica is two and one-half and Chase is one year old.



Jennifer and Travis Burcham are the children of Jack Burcham (Fiberwoven) and Nora Kay Burcham. They are the niece and nephew of Herman Smoot (Warp). Jennifer is ten and Travis is seven.

Kelly Lynn Cheek and James Dale Cheek are the children of Lola Cheek (Binding). They are the grandchildren of Bessie Settle (Burling) and the niece and nephew of Buddy Wilmoth (Burling), Rocky Cheek (Yarn Finishing), and Tammie Cheek (Yarn Finishing). Kelly is three and one-half and James is five.



Ashley Renee is the three year old daughter of David and Donna Chipman (both work in the Weave). She is the grandchild of Charles Chipman (Carding) and the great granddaughter of Arthur Haynes (retired). She is the niece of Jennifer Jarvis (Boonville), Dennis Dimmette (Power Plant), Lynn Chipman (Extrusion), and Gary Chipman (Knitting).



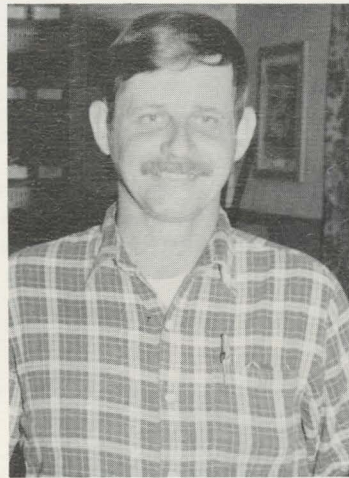
Angela Gay Quick and Glenn Hawkins were married September 3 at Bethany Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Angela is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Quick. She is employed by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System. Glenn is the son of J.C. and Lillie (Repack, Winston-Salem) Hawkins. He is employed at Adams-Millis Corporation in Kernersville.



Carla Wilson and Michael Truesdale were married September 17 at Phillip's Chapel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Carla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rosebud Wilson. Michael works as a towmotor driver at the Warehouse 9 in Winston-Salem and he is the son of Tommy Truesdale.



Then and Now Answer



The answer to our Guess Who picture is **Tommy Stanley** of the Engineering Department. Tommy works in the pipe shop and has been at Chatham for twenty-one years. He is the son of Spencer Stanley (chief guard) and he has so many other relatives working at Chatham (and retired from Chatham) that we can't begin to list them all.

Let's Cook

Sweet Potato Cheesecake

- 1 cup fine gingersnap crumbs (15 cookies) or graham cracker crumbs (14 cracker squares)
- 3 tablespoons margarine, melted
- 2 (8 oz.) packages Neufchatel cheese, softened
- 1 cup mashed potatoes
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon finely shredded orange peel
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 5 egg whites
- 1 cup evaporated skim milk

For crust, combine gingersnaps or graham cracker crumbs and margarine. Press mixture onto bottom and 1 inch up sides of an 8-inch springform pan. Set aside.

For filling, in a large mixing bowl, beat cheese, sweet potatoes, sugar, pumpkin pie spice, 1 teaspoon of orange peel and vanilla with electric mixer on medium speed until combined. Add the egg whites, beating at low speed just until combined. Do not overbeat. Stir in milk. Carefully pour into prepared pan.

Bake in a 350 degree oven for 60 to 70 minutes or until center appears set. Cool on a wire rack for 45 minutes. Cover and chill thoroughly. Remove sides of pan. Dollop with dessert topping (optional); garnish with gingersnap halves and remaining orange peel. Makes 12-16 servings.

-Shared with us by
Tracy Walker, Personnel

Superb Crab Spread

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper

6 ounces canned or frozen crabmeat, drained

Combine cream cheese and mayonnaise; beat until creamy, using an electric mixer or food processor. Stir in remaining ingredients and chill. Serve with crackers or fresh vegetables. Yield: 2 cups.

-Shared with us by
Pat Mickles, Data Processing

"He-Man" Dip

- 1 2-pound box pasturized cheese
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk
- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 onion (or instant onion flakes)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound fresh or canned mushrooms (if canned, drained well)
- 1 pound chopped broccoli (1 box frozen can be used)
- 1 4-ounce can chopped green chilies
- 2 cans Ro-Tel Tomatoes and Green Chilies diced

Dice cheese and melt in heavy saucepan with milk. After melted and smooth, pour this mixture into crock pot, (setting low or medium). Dice onion and brown ground beef and onion in a skillet. (Salt and pepper to taste). *Drain well!* Pour meat mixture into crock pot with cheese mixture. Chop mushrooms and broccoli and saute' in butter in skillet. Pour this mixture into crock pot with cheese and meat. Add 1 can chopped green chilies and 1 can diced Ro-Tel Tomatoes and Green Chilies to mixture in crock pot. Season the crock pot mixture with:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon garlic salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Soy sauce
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon tabasco sauce.

(Pat said she used more of everything than the recipe calls for. Just season to taste.)

Serve warm from crock pot with chips or fresh vegetables, (celery, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, etc...)

-Shared with us by
Pat Mickles, Data Processing

Life's Sweet Mystery

In this rush and keep rushing world, the Christmas season is just another hurdle to get over. There are so many things to do every day. And each day's labor is a must if you are to keep up with everyone else.

Of course, Christmas does have its measure of enjoyment and gaiety. There are family get-togethers and parties and special dinners and the glitter of Santa Claus. But after it's finished, there is a sigh of relief too. For life is not Christmas glitter. No matter what you do, life is a series of problems to solve, a number of objectives to attain.

This involvement with daily living gives one little time to reflect on the purpose of life and its ever old and continuing mysteries.

Still, who wants to be serious just when the Christmas season almost forces us to be jolly?

Be jolly this Christmas indeed. Have fun. Enjoy the blessings of Christmas in its fullest.

But find a few minutes alone. Go outside, even if it's snowing, and sit under a tree...or climb the steps to your tenement roof... or step out beside the barn. Look up at the sun and the sky, or the snowflakes, or the stars, or into the air itself. And think on yourself - a puny grain of sand in a universe of sand. And know that you are unlike any other grain of sand and the mystery of life about you must have meaning, must have purpose.

Alone...you can begin to feel at one with the impossible vastness of the universe.

Alone in stillness you can feel the mystery and wonder of life.

This too is part of Christmas and the holiness of your own creation within the cathedral of the universe.

For this is the season to remember your miracle of life.

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Blanket and Restwarmer Sale for Employees



Each year employees get some sort of special deal on Chatham products. This year the selling of the new Downelle blanket has been a hit. Above, **Ralph Alexander** selects a blanket.



Also, we have sold Restwarmers again this year. **David Wilmoth** and **Daniel Davis**, both of the Carding Department, look over the Chatham Restwarmers for sale in the Employment offices.

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employees and retirees of Chatham Manufacturing Company like **Sanford Martin** who has been with Chatham almost ten years. He is leadman at No. 9 Warehouse in Winston-Salem. Sanford is a native of Jonesville and he worked at one time in our Elkin plant. He likes to play golf and hunt, but he loves to fish. He says he can tell you some good spots for fishing.