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There was a rush of activity Thursday afternoon, December 22, in the Personnel Building basement as the gifts from Northern Feather were unpacked, counted out and labeled to be sent to each department.



Alan Payne and Albert Spicer

A Christmas Gift from Northern Feather

Chatham Manufacturing Company employees received a Christmas gift on our last work day before vacation. Northern Feather, holding company for Chatham, sent each employee a Christmas table cover.

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ACCIDENT INJURY REPORT

December 1988

	December	November	October
Caught in or coming in contact with machinery	18	13	16
Striking against on or by objects	25	29	25
Using hand tools (knives, scissors, tools, burling irons, needles, etc.	17	15	21
Handling material (hand injuries)	12	24	27
Splinters	9	8	5
Foreign bodies in eye	4	6	9
Slips & falls	11	19	15
Falling objects	5	2	8
Lifting, pulling, pushing, (sprains, hernias, etc.)	11	11	12
Burns	5	1	3
Punctures	2	3	4
Miscellaneous	2	2	5
Chemical burns	1	2	0
Infections	0	0	0
Totals	122	135	150

Reminder!

If your name or address has changed please make that correction in the Personnel Department. Keep your records current.

In spite of the cost of living, it's still popular.

-Kathleen Norris
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Most people want to be delivered from temptation but would like to keep in touch.

-Robert Orben

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Kathie McDaniel, Editor

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Tips for Driving in Bad Weather

When bad weather blows in, emergency tow truck drivers get ready. They know that within minutes their switchboards will be lighting up with emergency calls.

Yet it is astonishingly easy not to have trouble in snow or rain. Here are some useful tips:

Turn on lights. In rain, cars tend to disappear. Use parking lights at least, to make your car more visible.

Look out for the oily road slick that forms in new rain. It is as slippery as ice and tires skid on it very easily.

Use windshield washer when light drizzles start. Otherwise, wiper blades may turn the first few drops into an oily smear, report windshield wiper experts at Anco.

When a storm is forecast, a good snow driver will park his car so that he will be able to move it afterwards. Avoid tight parking spaces and don't park uphill.

Always use snow tires. It's futile to go very far through deep snow without the right tires.

Make sure your windshield wiper blades are free of ice and snow. This can cause blades to streak, skip and stick. Snow blades which are completely encased in rubber are now available. Designed by Anco, they prevent ice from clogging the blade.

When driving through a dense fog, turn on your wipers. Much of the "fog" that bothers drivers is merely fine accumulation of mist on the windshield.

By following these useful tips when bad weather blows in, you can help yourself avoid that avoidable accident and save yourself being charged for an emergency tow.

Then and Now
Guess Who

Our guess who this issue works in the Wet Finish Department. Can you guess who looked like this at the age of six years?

(Answer on Page Four)



"No wonder it wouldn't work Fred - the switch was off."

Fire In The Fry Pan

Know how to extinguish a fire in a frying pan?

There are two things best to do: Put a lid on the fire or sprinkle baking soda on the fire.

When baking soda is used, it is heated up and gives off carbon dioxide gas. This gas is inert, and since it is heavier than air, it settles over the fire displacing the oxygen and putting the fire out as though you had put a lid on the fire.

If you use a lid, don't take the lid off too quickly, because grease burns at about 800 to 900 degrees Fahrenheit, so you will have trapped these hot gases under the lid. Let it cool off, because you might have the fire all over again.

Personnel Changes Announced



Bill Milan



Mickey Carter



Earl Burgess



Rick Snow



Dennis Brindle

Bill Milan, currently Department Head of Weave, will soon be moving up as Superintendent of Fiber Processing. He will be taking some time to learn his new job before the retirement this year of Weymoth Chambers, who is currently the Superintendent in this area.

Bill has been employed at Chatham since 1971 when he came to work in the Cloth Department. A year later he started working in Industrial Engineering. Before becoming the head of the Weave Department three years ago, Bill was in charge of the Carding and Spinning Departments.

Though he greatly enjoys the game of golf, spending time with his children is most important to Bill. He and his wife Terry have two daughters, Joy and Lori. Joy is

eleven and in the sixth grade at North Elkin School. Lori is seven and in the second grade at Elkin Primary School.

Moving into the Weave Department to take Bill's place will be Mickey Carter. Mickey is currently the Department Head of Winding, a job he has held since 1982.

Mickey and his wife Judy live in Elkin. They have three children. Chris is twelve and Matthew and Amy are nine year old twins. Judy is a junior high school teacher in Mt. Airy. The whole family is involved in activities that keep Mickey and Judy on the go. They attend church at the First Baptist Church in Elkin where Mickey serves on the Board of Deacons and also as an assistant Sunday School teacher. He coaches a boys baseball team for ages seven to ten and is an assistant Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts.

Earl Burgess will be moving back to Elkin from the Boonville Plant and will be taking over the Winding Department. He is currently the head of Yarn Finishing, where he has been since July of 1987. Earl is a graduate of Appalachian State. He and his wife Patsy live in State Road. Patsy teaches business education at Elkin High School.

Rick Snow, who is now Departmental Supervisor in

the Dye House, will be moving to the Boonville Plant as Department Head of the Yarn Finishing.

Rick lives in Dobson where he is involved with coaching Little League basketball. He and his wife Kay have two children. They are Angie, twelve, and Adrienne, eight. Rick and his family attend church at Salem Baptist Church in Dobson. Rick is the son of Trenton Snow, Department Head of Cloth.

After graduating from Appalachian State University in 1976, Rick came to work at Chatham as the second shift supervisor in the Worsted Department. From 1978 until present, he has been the Departmental Supervisor in

the Raw Stock Dye House.

As Rick moves up, his replacement as Departmental Supervisor will be Dennis Brindle, who will move to that position from second shift Supervisor in the Dye House.

Both Dennis and his wife Kathy have been at Chatham for fifteen years. Kathy works in the Quality Control Department. Dennis and Kathy have one daughter, Jessica Leigh who will be seven years old next month. Dennis has a sister who works in the Piece Dye Department, Shirley Spicer.

Dennis enjoys listening to and watching stock car racing. He and his family enjoy traveling, water sports and farming.

The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.

-Margaret Carty

Included in this Blanketeer is the Interim Report for 1988-1989 for the Northern Feather Group Ltd.

1989 Holiday And Vacation Dates

We are announcing 1989 holiday and vacation dates, along with three Saturday closings, in order that employees can better make personal plans this year.

These dates will be built into our Production Control schedules.

All other dates connected with holidays or vacations will be on a run-as-needed basis and schedules will be posted as early as possible.

Friday, March 24.....Good Friday Holiday
 Saturday, March 25.....Saturday Closing
 Monday, May 29.....Memorial Day Holiday
 Tuesday, July 4.....July Fourth Holiday
 Saturday, July 15.....Saturday Closing
 July 16 - July 22.....Summer Vacation
 Saturday, September 2.....Saturday Closing
 Monday, September 4.....Labor Day Holiday
 Thursday, November 23.....Thanksgiving Holiday
 December 23 - December 31....Christmas Vacation
 Monday, January 1.....New Year's Day Holiday

Will babysit in my home, \$3 per child per day, 1st and 2nd shift. Call 835-7481.

Will babysit in home, daytime only. Call 526-2271.

Will file taxes - federal and state. 10 years experience. Call 874-2276 after 5:00 p.m.

WANTED: Troy-bilt tiller. Call 874-2941.

WANTED: 12 or 14 ft. aluminum Jon boat. Call 957-2219 after 4:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: Bob White quail - raised in a building with plenty of room to fly. Call 957-2762 after 6:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: 420 John Deere tractor, 56 model. Good condition. Call 366-2511 after 5:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1984 Chevrolet Cavalier, AM/FM stereo, automatic, AC/FM stereo, automatic, AC, new tires. Like new. \$3,800 firm. Call 366-2794.

FOR SALE: Long slip for bridal gown. \$10. Also, flat white shoes worn with bridal gown. \$5. Call 835-5289 after 5:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: AKC Chow puppies, 2 females. Call 874-7101 after 4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE: '80 Galaxy boat, 17 ft., inboard and outboard motor, walk-thru windshield. Call 874-2723 after 4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE: Registered full-blooded Pomeranian puppy, 5 month old male, lt. brown. Call 874-2824 anytime.

FOR SALE: AKC registered German Shepherd, female, 3 year old. \$125. Call 957-3339 or 957-3704.

FOR SALE: Large gun cabinet, hand crafted, 4 drawers in base. Call 835-3591.

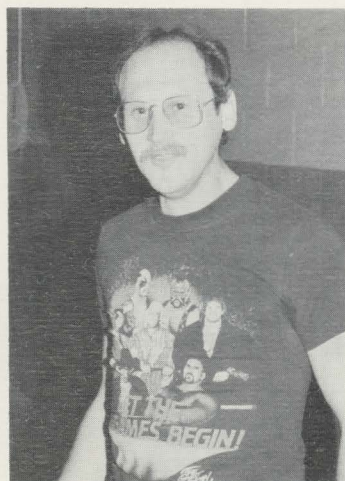
FOR SALE: King size water bed with heater, headboard, 3 sets sheets, pillowcases, and spread. Call 366-4231.

FOR SALE: 1974 Suzuki 750, water cooled. Call 366-4231.

FOR SALE: 1983 Mercury LN7, PS, PB, AC. Good condition. \$2,650. Call 874-3035.

FOR SALE: Two end tables and one coffee table, solid wood - medium dark. Like new, \$150.00. Oval carpet rug 9'x12', forest green. Like new. \$40.00. Call 835-6227 between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Then and Now Answer



The answer to our guess who is **Holland Jolley, Jr.** who works on the second shift in the Wet Finish. His dad, Arthell Jolley also works in the Wet Finish on the first shift. Betty Jolley of our Sample Department is his mother and Sandy Jolley, Binding, is his wife.

In Memoriam

James W. (Jim) Mooney
 December 2
 Father of Dewey J. Mooney,
 Production Control.

Vallie Davis
 December 9
 Mother of Cora Cranfill,
 Yarn Finishing.

Robert H. Harris
 December 16
 Father of Robert H. Harris,
 Jr. Garnett.

Gerald W. Hooker
 December 17
 Brother of Donna Stevenson,
 Binding.

Fredrick J. Harris
 December 18
 Retired Employee

Montgomery M. White
 December 21
 Brother of E. Mae Nichols,
 retired.

Herman B. Hinson
 December 30
 Retired-Blum Construction
 Father of Franklin A.
 Hinson, Engineering; brother
 of Robert G. Hinson, Technical
 Maintenance.

FOR SALE: 1979 Mercury Zephyr, automatic, AM/FM. \$450. Call 835-5556 after 4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE: Two 6x8 awnings. \$50. Call 835-5556 after 4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE: 8mm movie camera with TV viewer. \$35. Call 835-5556 after 4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1962 Falcon Ranchero pickup, 6-cylinder. Good condition. Call 874-2941 anytime.

FOR SALE: 1982 Subaru 4x4. \$1,600. Call 835-1469.

FOR SALE: AKC registered Chows - six weeks old - 4 blonde, 2 black. \$100 each. Call 957-8090 after 4:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: Mobile home, 13x70, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Partially furnished. Call 526-1088.

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.

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Bill Wright, Tom James, and Bobby Collins

CEO Alan Payne and Vice President of Industrial Relations Nelson Lowe were put to the test on Thursday afternoon as the gifts from Northern Feather arrived several hours later than expected. Since the gifts needed to be distributed on Thursday afternoon Alan and Nelson called in the superintendents and department heads along with employees from the Personnel Department and Print Shop. The group went to work immediately to count out, label and distribute the 2200 gifts to departments.

Each package contained a Christmas card with a nice holiday message from Johs. Petersen, Inga L. Rasmussen, and Kaae Hansen. Mr. Petersen is the Executive Chairman, Ms. Rasmussen is a Director, and Kaae Hansen is Managing Director of Textiles.

Employees were pleasantly surprised to receive the gift. Each one was the same red and gold design and was packaged in four yard lengths which is enough for any table size. Some employees plan to use the cotton material for regular table cloths with matching napkins. Others came up with great ideas for table mats, decorations, aprons, etc. We're interested in knowing what you have done with your fabric. Please bring any items you have made by the *Blanketeer* office so we can share your ideas and use your picture in the *Blanketeer*.



Freddie Brown



Bill Boles



Doug St. Louis and Tracy Walker



Scott Woodruff and his wife Karen display trophies won recently by Scott at the awards ceremonies for the C.C. Camp Fire Department. Scott was honored as Fireman of the Year and also received an award for being the fireman who responded to the highest number of fire calls during 1988. Scott works in the Shipping Department. He is the son of Jim Woodruff (Shipping) and Ann Woodruff (Blanket Order Processing).



Cindy Jenkins, Robin Pardue, Mary Sayles, Kelly Nance and Betty Murphy enjoyed exchanging Christmas gifts and spending a little extra time together during the Christmas dinner their department held in December. They all work third shift in the Yarn Manufacturing Department in Boonville.

Happy New Year

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Safety Coffee Breaks



In December, Chatham rewarded our safety conscious Engineering employees with coffee and ham and biscuits or doughnuts during a coffee break. Tommy Burgess, Johnny Adams and Ernest Smith enjoyed their third shift safety coffee break with Spencer Stanley (Supervisor). The guards celebrated 279 days through November without a lost-time accident. The other Engineering divisions and their number of days are listed below:

Machine, 558; Electric, 575; Carpenter, 338; Floor Finish, 987; Paint (1st and 2nd shift), 324; Pipe, 278; Sheet Metal, 360; Instrument, 1081; Power Plant, 1742; Office, 355; and Fiberwoven, 1228.



The Sample Department celebrated 1,701 days with no lost time accident. Their coffee break was in December. Left to right are: (first row) Helen Myers, Lucille Storie, Betty Newman. (second row) Lorene Hinson, Wilma Welborn, Rita St. John, Betty Jolley. (third row) David Absher, Darren Carter, Willie Lloyd, Randy Combs (Supervisor), Drake Pardue, Bill Boles (Preparation and Fabrication Superintendent).

My Best Shot

*I can only live one second at a time
No more or less might ever be mine
So I'll try to be the best I can
With all the power I hold in my hand
And if I fail to reach the top
It won't be because I didn't give it
MY BEST SHOT*

-Written on 12-1-88
by Carol Sale