

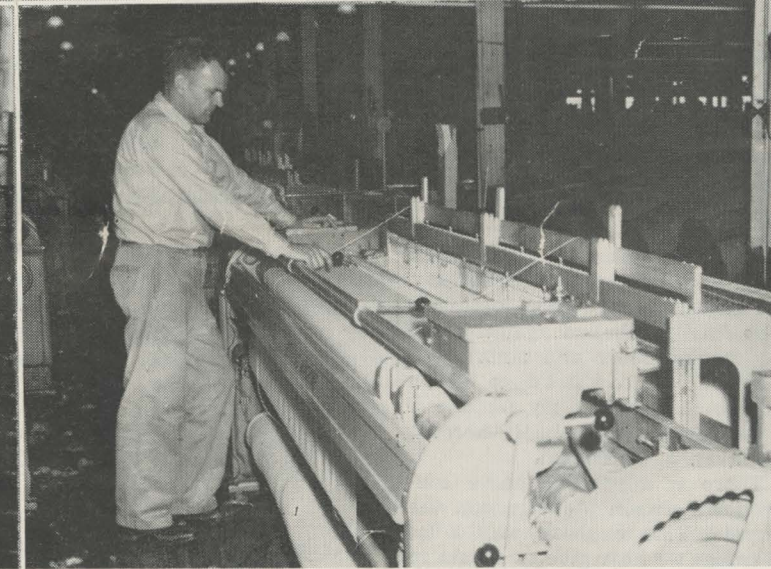
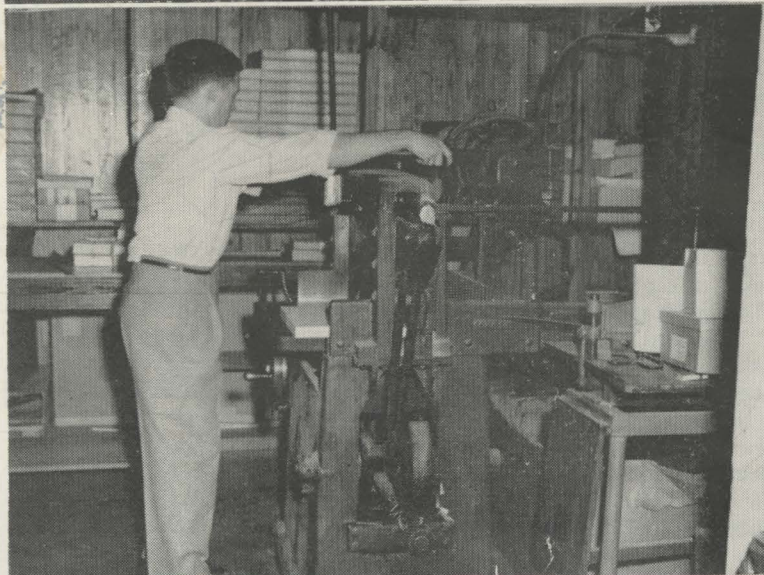
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MARY SPARKS, top left, tends a group of re-winders at the Worsted Plant; RUTH PARDUE, Cloth, arranges sample swatches of women's wear; Center left, DEWEY YORK operates an electric paper cutter in the Print Shop; right, in the wrapping section of the Cloth department are WARD JARVIS, CLARENCE MELTON and HUBERT REINHARDT; bottom left, JOE DAY finishes a folder attachment for a binding machine; right, ROBERT DARNELL operates one of the new picker-stickless looms. (Staff Photos)



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**Selected Quotes**

By A. Clipper

Truth has to change hands only a few times to become fiction.

Among the things most often opened by mistake is—the mouth.

Moron: That which in winter, women wouldn't have so many colds if they put on.

The pursuit of truth shall set you free—even if you never catch up with it.

Happiness is like potato salad—simply share it with others and it becomes a picnic.

The only time some women ever put their foot down is when the light turns green.

Some doctors believe in "shock treatment"—mailed out the first of every month.

Chaperone: A woman who keeps young girls from doing what she did at their age.

Some men have a very snide way of criticising their wives—they boast that the little woman made them what they are.

One of the most envied men, who can smile when everything goes dead wrong, is an automobile mechanic.

A darling child: A creature who persists in standing halfway between an adult and the television set.

When success in most lines of endeavor turns a man's head it always leaves him looking in the wrong direction.

Paraphrasing a now famous statement: "When it comes to tax reduction, never was so little waited for by so many for so long.

Pessimists are only optimists who finally rebelled against lending money, books and umbrellas.

Small boy to pal: I'd go out in the world and seek my fortune if I wasn't needed so badly here at home as a dependent.

There is a positive nerve connection between the ears and the throat. That explains why a lot of things we hear give us a pain in the neck.

Democracy may be an unscientifically concocted patent medicine, but it is infinitely better for the patient than a totalitarian autopsy.

**Familiar Faces**

By Ex-Gum

Having but recently returned from a brief vacation, this writer was momentarily flabbergasted about whether he would find any familiar faces. This perplexing problem was quickly solved for us, however. As we plodded out of the editorial office, with the editor's ultimatum ringing in our ears, we heard a lot of "crib chatter" in one of the Personnel offices. Making a kind of snoopy investigation we found **Frances Harris** and **Betty Cope Stockton** comparing baby photographs, with the attending arguments, and both were asking all comers for an opinion as to the finest looking baby. We don't know nothin' about babies, and wouldn't express an opinion. In **Lois McKnight's** office we found she had spent several days in Florida, and was too busy checking up her checking account to see if she had enough left to pay her income tax, and found the atmosphere rather thickish, so we just backed up.

In the Personnel lobby **Lonnie Hanks** was working on the cold pop slot machine, and was probably trying to set it so it would require two nickels to get one bottle of pop, so we dropped on down to the First Aid clinic to get some headache tablets from nurse **Lula Holcomb**. We found **Everett Byrd** from the Spinning Department needing first aid for a broken front tooth, caused by his car door flying open suddenly and striking him in the region of the big opening in his face. **Boots Amburn** came in for a remedy for a black eye and broken glasses, and a scar on his forehead, and said a mean old garden rake hopped up and hit him in the face. None of these stories were very original or very convincing, but that's the way the boys told them.

We rambled on down to the Jacquard card-cutting department, and found **Jim DeBorde** making preparations to run some new patterns through the complicated machines, but had to hurry on. Out on the lower Shop verandah we met **Clyde Hudspeth** carrying enough gears and other gadgets to make a Waterbury watch, and **Albert Anthony** along with him had a big grease-gun and wrenches and pliers to make the thing run. Inside the Shop we found **Odell Parks** trying to get some of the mechanics to move a foot or two so he could get up the iron turnings and filings and bolts and nuts, etc. they had been standing in and on most of the day. **Charlie Couch** and **Clayton Swaim** were twisting about like they were awful busy, and we just let it look that way. **Charlie Gough** allowed us to sit and relax a few minutes in his semi-private office, and gab about the weather and what makes it do like it do.

Up in the Warp Department we rested again for a few minutes in the office of foreman **John Mock**, and passed a few words with him and **Henry Woodruff** and a few others. We stopped by the warp draw-in section and found **Mae Barber** had just received an award for completing 20 years work without a lost-time accident, and nearby **Lola Hinson**, another veteran of the draw-in group, has been on this type of work so long we were afraid to ask her how long. On up the aisle to the Wool Room office and we found **Mardell Cole** trying her best to improve and uphold the dignity of her department, but with **Harvey Stockton** and **Tom Hendren** under her feet most of the time she is finding it an uphill job.

We hurried on through the Main Office, and were glad to see "**Sammy**" **Sprinkle** back on the job in her information and telephone cubicle after a more or less extended spell of indisposition. Up to the Napping department for a brief visit we found **Vera Wilmoth** and **Viola Dobbins** all in a huddle discussing the merits of their respective napping machines, or televisions, or soap powders, but they were very cordial, and inquired about our health. **Theodore Davenport** struggled by with king size bag of napper flock, and grinned at us until we could see all of his teeth. At a nearby table **Lorene Whitaker** and **O'Brien Hayes** were making a careful inspection of a stack of blankets while **Myrtle Cockerham** sat in the driver's seat and made a lot of marks on a piece of paper. **Lee Pinnix** wanted to know where we had been so long, but we couldn't tell him much because it was nearly time for the whistle to blow. We took a short cut to the lower floor and found the foreman had put **Rev. Brantley Wood** on the job making boxes with **Rayvon Garris**, probably with the hope that **Reverend Wood's** influence would be good for Rayvon. **Ida Bynum** wants her vacation next summer, but she is still keeping her department shining like a new dollar, less taxes.

Remember, only 246 shopping days until Christmas.

**The Old Timer:**



"Whenever you're feeling sour-puss, remember that he who laughs—lasts!"



"Great little sense of humor, Joe's wife!"

**WORKING DAZE**



"Yes, indeed, Fullis, we've got a real live-wire organization here."

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

The new minister in Holyoke was the Rev. Reidenbach. The first day his son entered Holyoke school, they named him "Rumble Seat.."

An executive is a man who can hand a letter back to a red-headed stenographer for a fourth re-typing.

"Now" spelled backward reads "won."



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**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**Questions, Answers On Social Security**

**Q.** Will the owning of my home and a small savings account interfere with my drawing Social Security benefits?

**A.** No. Social Security benefits are based upon right and not upon need. You and your employer pay the so-called premiums when you pay the Social Security taxes in order that Old-Age and Survivors benefits may be paid.

**Q.** Is it possible for a person to draw both Social Security and Unemployment benefits at the same time?

**A.** Yes. In North Carolina it is possible for a person to draw Social Security benefits and, if eligible, also draw Unemployment Compensation.

**Q.** I am single with no wife nor dependents. What happens to my Social Security money when I die?

**A.** The Social Security Administration will pay the person or persons who pays your funeral expenses. It may be a relative, a friend or the administrator of your estate.

**Q.** I have two different Social Security cards. What should I do?

**A.** You should contact a Social Security representative and have one Social Security Number cancelled. All wage credits for both numbers will be combined under one number for your future benefits.

**It's A Fact**

The Fiji Islands in the South Pacific have the most healthful climate in the world. The temperature has never gone below 63 degrees, nor above 90.

More people watch basketball than any other sport in the United States.

The Caspian Sea is not a sea. It is a lake.

Hong Kong is not a city in China. It is an island.

Reno, Nevada, is farther west than Los Angeles, California.

A football is not made of pigskin. It is made of cowhide.

Cypress wood will out last granite.

Camel's-hair brushes are made from squirrel hair.

The shadow of an airplane is always the same size, no matter how high or how low the plane flies.

The British, not the Germans,

**Borrowed Briefs**

**A Little Ice Is Nice**

A little ice is very nice, a touch of snow is fine; there's nothing really Spartan in a low of twenty-nine. And, true, we love the open fires that winters always bring—but, Weatherman, old friend, old pal, we're ready now for Spring! Ah, yes, it's time for balmy climes, for grubbing in the dirt. Let's put away the overcoat, get out the open shirt; let's turn our thoughts to baseball teams, to Mantle and to Berra — let's have a little sunshine in Carolina's Riviera. Japonica, come on-ica! We want some posies! We're tired of rubber boots and wraps, and children's runny nosies. Down with chills and fuel oil bills, and scarves around the mouth! Carolina isn't Iceland, chum; this is the Sunny South. Forsythia, we missth-ia! We want to see some greenery: A burst of dogwood would improve Carolina's barren scenery. Cross our hearts and hope to die, if wintertime will pass — we won't object to spade or hoe. We'll even cut the grass! (Paraphrased from Richmond News-Leader)

**One Worlder**

Andrew Carnegie was once visited by a party who ranted against possession of great wealth, advocating equal distribution.

Carnegie interrupted by asking his secretary for a statement of his holdings, at the same time looking up the estimated population of the world. When the information was ready, Carnegie figured for a minute, then said to his secretary, "Give the gentleman 16 cents. That's his share of my wealth."

**Times Change**

Dear Mother used to sit and sew, while listening to the radio. Our sox were darned, our buttons tight; neatly she mended every night.

Two buttons off Dad's shirt I see — for who can sew and watch TV?

**Response To A Raise**

Believe it or not, you can actually create a personnel problem by giving a worker a deserved raise.

Take the story of a Chinese cook at a mining camp. He had done a swell job. His satisfied campmates decided that he should have more money. They put a few extra dollars in his pay envelope.

All might have been well if the foreman hadn't grown oratorical. When the cook asked "Why you pay me more?" the foreman went on to say that it was because "You have been such a good cook for so many years."

Naturally, the Chinese, after listening to this said, "So, you've been cheating me long time, eh?"

invented the goose step for their soldiers. —The Rotarian.



CLYDE SHUGART, MILDRED LUFFMAN AND GENNIE VESTAL, left to right, keep their eyes peeled as they inspect blanket material in Burling No. 2.

**Chatham Employees Credit Union**

**STATEMENT OF CONDITION  
FEBRUARY 26, 1954**

**ASSETS**

CASH .....	\$114,872.96
U. S. GOVERNMENT BONDS .....	221,793.00
LOANS OUTSTANDING .....	339,765.71
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE .....	25.00
PREPAID ITEMS .....	1,551.43
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$678,008.10</b>

**LIABILITIES**

DEPOSITS .....	\$ 5,985.37
UNCLAIMED BALANCES .....	139.21
SHARES .....	623,832.22
GUARANTY FUND RESERVE .....	33,295.72
SURPLUS .....	14,755.58
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>\$678,008.10</b>

**OPERATING REPORT  
FEBRUARY 1954**

U. S. GOVERNMENT BOND SALES .....	\$ 10,031.25
LOANS MADE .....	19,327.88
LOANS REPAID .....	22,041.39
PAID IN ON SHARES (SAVINGS) .....	13,201.04
WITHDRAWN FROM SHARES (SAVINGS) .....	21,884.27
NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS .....	2080
NUMBER OF BORROWERS .....	968

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 1st day of March, 1954.

(Signed) L. F. Mathis, Notary Public.





MR. AND MRS. BUDDY SMITH were married February 19 at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. H. E. Blevins. Mrs. Smith is the former Frances Holcomb, daughter of Mrs. Nora Holcomb of Thurmond. She is employed at the Chatham Grill. Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Smith of Traphill. He is serving in the U. S. Navy aboard the USS McGinty. (Bell-Cockerham Photo)

### Burling Women Have Meeting February 25

Routine business and a social hour were features of the meeting of the Burling Women February 25 at the YMCA with 16 members present. Miniature cherry trees and red, white and blue hatchets were used in the table arrangements. Mildred Luffman, president, presided. Gladys Cheek conducted the devotionals.

Mildred York and Bertha Hudspeth were prize winners in a series of contests directed by the club president. Alma Jennings, a bride of February, was presented a gift of china on behalf of the club.



MARY LOU MARTIN, daughter of Ralph Martin, Spinning, and Mrs. Martin, has been named on the Honor Roll at Mars Hill College where she is a member of the freshman class. To qualify for the Honor Roll, students must have a minimum of 40 quality points. Mary Lou had 52½ points.

## HINTS FOR THE HOME

### Buying A Home

Before you sign up for that house you've been planning to buy, consider this check-list to be sure it's the one you want:

Do the floors give easily? If yes, the building isn't solid enough. One way to tell is simply by jumping up and down in the center of each room.

Turn on the faucets. If you get just a slow trickle the pipes may be too small. If the water runs rusty, the pipes are corroded and may eventually leak.

Will the furniture fit the house? Actually measure wall space and room sizes to be sure your furniture will fit. If not, add replacements as that much extra cost.

What about the bathtub? If there's a six-footer in your family he'll never be nappy in one of the three-foot tubs that are sometimes used.

How convenient is the kitchen? If arranged without adequate work space, if the cupboards are too high, think twice before you buy.

Is the ceiling solid? Test plaster by tapping with a broomstick. Also look for stains which may tip off to roof leaks or faulty plumbing.

Is the roof tight and weather-proof? Better have an expert to check this factor.

Is there enough lumber in the construction? Go into the attic and measure the rafters, beams and studding. They should be close enough to make the frame substantial.

Do the doors open easily and

close snugly and squarely? Sticky doors may mean simply that the heat has swollen them. But be sure that the doors aren't warped because the house has settled or timbering has been too tight.

### STAIN REMOVAL CHART

Stain	Remedy
Liquor, Soft Drinks	Soak in cool water, then wash in hot soapy water.
Paint and Varnish	Rinse with alcohol, turpentine, ammonia, and wash with soap and water; then apply carbon tetrachloride.
Perspiration	Wash with soap

and warm water; then bleach with sunlight or potassium permanganate.

Rust — Soak in boiling water, rub with lemon juice, oxalic acid, or hydrochloric acid.

Scorch — Bleach by sunlight or with javelle water.

Shoe polish — Rinse in alcohol or turpentine, then wash with soap and water.

Soot and Lampblack — Rinse in benzine, naphtha, or carbon tetrachloride; wash in soap suds.

Stove Polish — Rinse in gasoline or naphtha, or wash with soap and cold water.

Tar — Rub with lard or butter, then wash with soap and warm water, or rinse in gasoline, naphtha or carbon tetrachloride.

Tea (clear) — Rinse with boiling water, wash with borax or strong soap and water and bleach.

Tea (with cream) — Wash with soap and cold water; then follow remedy for clear tea.

Vaseline — Rinse in turpentine or gasoline and wash.

Wax — Scrape off; then treat like grease (above).

### Mr. Braxton Shows Color Slides To LHC Club No. 1

A collection of color slides made during his trip to the Holy Land was shown by the Rev. J. W. Braxton at the March 4 meeting of Lucy Hanes Chatham Club No. 1 at the Club House. He was introduced by Sammie Sprinkle, program chairman.

The program was opened by Virginia Shaw who read a Thought for the Day based on the Parable of the Talents. Anne Carter sang a solo with Peggy Webb playing the piano accompaniment.

Erline Mayberry, president, conducted the business meeting. Reports were made by the secretary, the treasurer, and standing committee chairmen.

A St. Patrick's Day motif was used in the table arrangements with a color scheme of green and yellow. Supper was served buffet style.

Guests were Carolyn Noble, Mary Sparks, Etta Mae Templeton, Betty Stockton and Mr. Braxton.

Hostesses were Lousine Simmons, Thelma Montieth, Mary Church, Cola Transou and Ruth Overcash.

### CARD OF THANKS

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the kind expressions of sympathy and the beautiful floral tribute extended to me at the death of my mother, Mrs. Lillie Mathis.

Collie Hanks



OFFICERS FOR LUCY HANES CHATHAM CLUB NO. 1 for 1954 are, left to right, seated: Colleen Darnell, treasurer; Sarah Eidson, secretary; Erline Mayberry, president; Lula Holcomb, assistant secretary; standing: Sammie Sprinkle, vice president; Jean Byrd, assistant treasurer. (Staff Photo)





## BINDING

Reporter: Odessa Vestal

Our minds and thoughts are turned toward spring days and new fashions. One of the first in this department to get ready for the spring fashion parade is Gladys Vestal. We don't know whether she has been shopping on Fifth Avenue in New York or in the "Best Little Town in North Carolina," but we do know she has herself a new dress.

Little Jo Ann Greenwood has returned to her home from Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital where she was a patient for a few days. Jo Ann is a daughter of Bertha and John Greenwood.

If any of you girls needs a chauffeur or guide to show you the interesting places on the Blue Ridge parkway, just see Gypsy Mickey. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Disher and Odell Holcomb say she knows all the safety rules and can drive like a "regular dare-devil."

Glenn Burton, a proud new father, was all smiles as he was passing out cigars with "It's a Boy" labels. A few days later he was still the center of attraction when he was showered with gifts for the new baby. The baby was born on the birthday anniversary of one of our famous machine operators—Flora Bovender—and she started a savings account for him in the Bank of Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bates and family and Mr. and Bill Swift spent Sunday in Radford, Virginia, visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Eldridge, Jr.

Clara Finley and Ellis Hall were seen riding side by side down Main Street in Elkin. Clara says the secret love isn't a secret anymore, and that the other girls had just as well give up.

We're sorry to hear of Evelyn Carter's accident. She fell while shopping and sprained her ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Myers and daughters visited relatives in Richmond, Virginia, during the week-end.

It is believed that Samantha Myers is a regular subscriber and reader of mechanical and "Hot Rod" magazines. We overheard her say she had to walk to town because they were having some caps re-tired. Nowhere else could such first hand information be obtained.

Mrs. Diana Eldridge, a retired employee of this department, is a patient at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital. We send her our best wishes.

Mrs. J. R. Gentry and son and Miss Bernice Black of Charlotte,

## COMMON COLDS ARE TOO COMMON:

### -So, Try Not To Catch One!

Almost everyone has at least one cold a year. Some are over in 24 hours, others last from one to two weeks. Weakening your resistance, they can lead to more serious illness.

#### To Help Keep From Catching Cold:

Stay away from people who have colds, or who cough or sneeze carelessly.

Keep in good physical shape; eat a well-balanced diet, including milk and cheese, potatoes and at least two other vegetables, a citrus fruit and one other fruit; meat, fish or poultry; eggs, cereals, bread and butter, and a moderate amount of sweets. Avoid overeating.

Get lots of sleep and rest; some recreation and outdoor exercise. Dress for the weather; avoid wet clothes.

Live and work in well-ventilated rooms; guard against chilling, especially when overheated. Avoid drafts, wet feet.

Use only clean eating and drinking utensils; don't share use of toilet articles, towels, spoons or drinking cups. Always wash hands with warm water and soap before eating or handling food.

Dewitt and Charlie Freeman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gentry.

Evella Shores, a happy fan of East Bend's basketball team, reports that East Bend girls have won the Yadkin County basketball tournament for the past two years. She feels that if it hadn't been for her yells and cartwheel performances they never would have won.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Burton announce the birth of a son, Dennis Glenn, March 3 at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem.

#### When You Have a Cold:

If it starts with chills, fever, or aching, or seems more severe or lasts longer than usual, consult a physician.

If you don't have a fever and if you must work, keep dry, warm, comfortable; get at least eight hours of sleep at night.

Drink plenty of fluids, both hot and cold; drink fruit juices.

Protect other people from your cold; cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.



## BURLING NO. 2

Reporter: Mildred Luffman

We are glad to have Reginald Banner working with us.

Wilma Mounce and Lucille Blackburn spent Saturday shopping in Winston-Salem.

Lizzie Wright had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boyd and family of Greensboro.

Marjorie Lewis says she enjoyed the ice and snow on the mountains Sunday.

Thelma Green attended the funeral of her uncle, Virgil Vernon, Sunday.

The Rev. A. D. Foster of Greensboro was the dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darnell and family and Mrs. Fannie Tally were among those enjoying a birthday party given Saturday night for Rex Cockerham by his wife, Emaline.

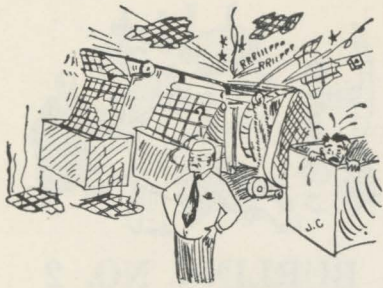
Mrs. John Wall and children of Greensboro spent last Sunday visiting Lala Simmons and Mrs. J. V. White.

Lucille Blackburn had as her Sunday dinner guests her twin sister, Mrs. Hazel Bell of Hamptonville, Mr. Bell and children. Lucille and Mrs. Bell were celebrating their birthday anniversary.

## SAFETY HONOR ROLL ... 1954

DEPARTMENT	Date of Last Accident	Man Hours Thru February 25, 1954
NAPPING	November 24, 1943	2,573,233
SPINNING	August 17, 1951	2,110,079
CLOTH	January 15, 1941	1,713,719
PACKING	October 25, 1944	967,068
SHOP	July 9, 1949	934,810
DYE HOUSE	July 15, 1949	727,540
BINDING	February 4, 1952	700,850
WEAVING	May 13, 1953	692,123
CARDING	June 13, 1952	667,236
WARP	September 12, 1950	620,030
WOOL	June 15, 1950	574,599
WASTE	December 4, 1947	566,101
BURLING	January 11, 1952	466,132
WINDING	December 29, 1950	318,872
COMMISSARY	January 11, 1946	303,259
OUTSIDE	February 18, 1947	276,146
POWER PLANT	September 9, 1947	243,147
ELECTRIC	March 22, 1944	237,971
SHIPPING	October 22, 1952	212,887
PRINTING	January 15, 1941	162,527
PIECE DYE	May 22, 1952	161,275
RECEIVING	September 2, 1941	153,623
WORSTED		145,073
WOOL ROOM NO. 2	April 17, 1952	93,331
SCOURING	May 6, 1952	86,860
WET FINISHING	October 21, 1953	68,497
PICKER	February 11, 1953	53,185





## NAPPING

Reporter: Ruth Overcash

Clyde Parks and family spent Saturday shopping in Winston-Salem.

Ruby Swaim reports a nice trip to the mountains to see the snow Sunday.

Floyd Shoaf said he had no news, but that he did have some strawberry plants for sale at \$1.00 a hundred. If anyone is interested, please see Floyd in the Napping department.

Bob and Alta McCann and children attended a birthday dinner given Sunday in Yadkinville in honor of Alta's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Owens.

Clyde and Pauline Walters and their daughter Linda, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Colvard and their son Bradley, motored to Boone Sunday. Clyde reports that the snow was beautiful.

Ola and Paul Dobbins attended the Yadkin County basketball tournament in Yadkinville Saturday night.

Jennie and Janie Sherrill spent the week-end in Burlington visiting their sister, Mrs. Wiley Mayes, Mr. Mayes and family.

Izora and Kelly Rose had a wonderful time driving through the mountains Sunday.

The Wooten Brothers and Lost John have a radio program from Yadkinville each Saturday. We are wondering if one of the brothers is our Jess Wooten? He did tell us that he "picked a guitar."

Mack and Ruth Overcash and Jimmy and Frances Warren went window shopping in High Point Sunday.

You have heard of "Satch" and the other Dead End Kids. Now we have added Harvey Smith to their list. Harvey attended the motorcycle races in Daytona Beach, Florida. He made the trip by motorcycle. Some of the boys are wondering if he had rather go horseback next time.

Bob McCann is quite a fellow and likes to keep everybody happy. Friday he was talking to William Graham and for some reason gave William a nice pat on the back. William came away all smiles and with his head in the clouds. Everytime he passed someone they would laugh and point to someone else to look at William. I nosed around to get a laugh and found that William was wearing a big sign on his back: "Use no hooks. Do not stand on end." So, if you get a pack on the back, it may not always be for what you think it is.



## MULE SPINNING AND WINDING

C SHIFT

Reporter: Ann Holbrook

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Poplin and children visited Mrs. Poplin's sister, Mrs. Irma Hayes, and Mr. Hayes in Lexington last Sunday.

Mabel and Shorty Southard and daughter Sarah were the Sunday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dobbins. Billy is Mabel's nephew. The week-end before Mabel entertained the Southard family at Sunday dinner in honor of Shorty's birthday. We never did find out how old he is, but he says he has many more good years left yet.

Ruby and Fred Combs attended funeral services for Charles Higgins at Oak Ridge Church Sunday.

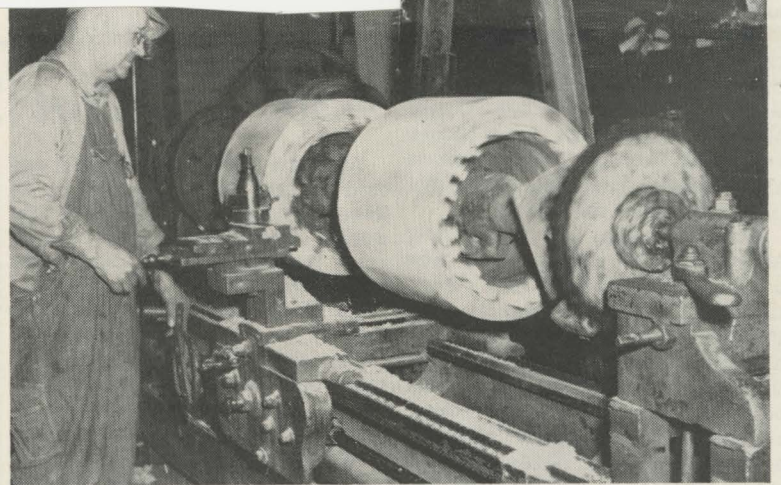
Ann Holbrook had as guests Sunday her sister, Mrs. Hazel Renegar, and daughter Shirley of Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Gent Walsh and daughter Mary Sue went shopping in Winston-Salem last week.

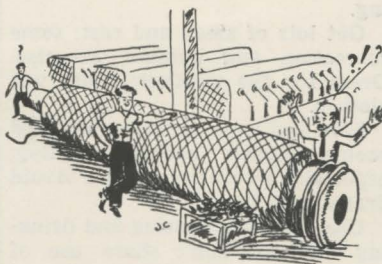
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Hinson on the birth of a daughter, Sandra Delaine, Friday, March 5. Boyce has been waiting for a long time to give us his news. Now he says he has eight pounds of news!

Everybody is of the opinion that we now have the time but not the money to go places. Like Gent Walsh said, the song "I've got the money if you've got the time," is reversed now. You sing it the other way around.

I guess by now everyone has his tax return off and forgotten. If



THURMAN ELDRIDGE, a veteran mechanic in the Wet Finishing department, is shaping and smoothing a pair of huge wooden rollers on a lathe in the department shop. (Staff Photo)



## SPINNING

A SHIFT

Reporter: Havalyn Jolly

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Shoemaker toured the mountains Sunday.

Edith and Ed Sparks visited Ruth Johnson over the week-end.

Beulah Finney visited Pauline Anderson Sunday.

Nell Martin said she celebrated

not, you'd better 'cause isn't today the 15th? And isn't that the last day? Hope you didn't find it too rough.

We have two birthday girls this month — Polly Wiles and Ruby Sloop. Congratulations!

## Inventions Mean Lower Prices

High wages mean little unless you can buy more with them.

In the American economy, patented inventions enter the picture, because they increase industrial efficiency and bring about lower prices for products.

For example, a year's supply of clothing for a family of four can be earned with less than half as many hours of work today as in 1914. This has been made possible by technological advances—higher incomes through the help of machines, and relatively lower prices through more efficient production.

There is no use going back looking for lost opportunity. Someone has found it.

her sixteenth birthday Sunday and had to bake her own cake!

Lula and Brock Owens spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Whitaker. Lula says that if anyone wants to buy goat milk to contact Brock right away.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holbrook were dinner guests Sunday of Jack and Opal Holbrook.

We're glad to have Joyce Whitaker back after being out with the flu.

Jessie Joyner says she's looking for a "good-looking" bachelor with plenty of money. If you find one, be sure to let her know.

Mont Davis visited in Shepherd's Cross Roads Sunday.

The Jollys had as guests last week-end Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Jolly and daughter Gay of Winston-Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swaim and daughter Carol.

We extend our sympathy to Tina Dula in the death of her father, A. A. Cave, February 24.

Ruth and Rege Gambill and Marie visited Ruth's sister, Mrs. Nora Womble, in Sparta.



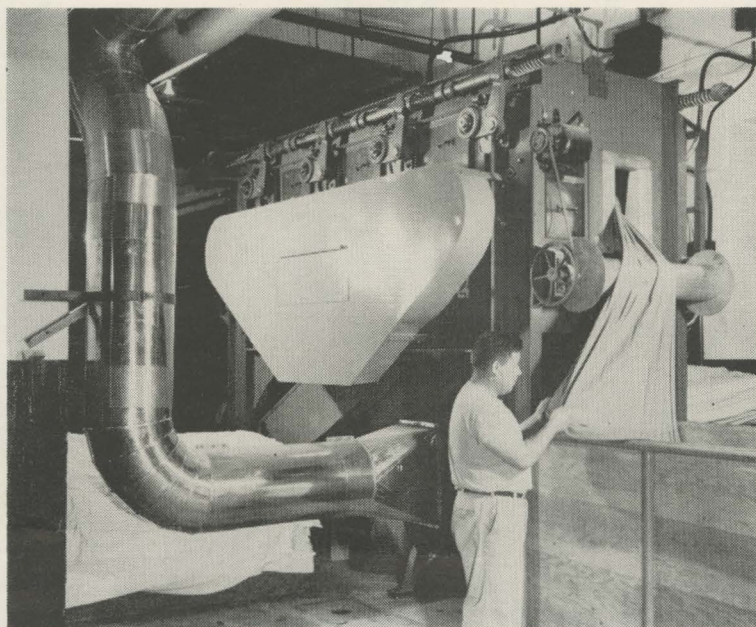
### Win A Parakeet!

If you would like to own a parakeet, here's your chance to win one of the beautiful birds, absolutely free with no "strings attached."

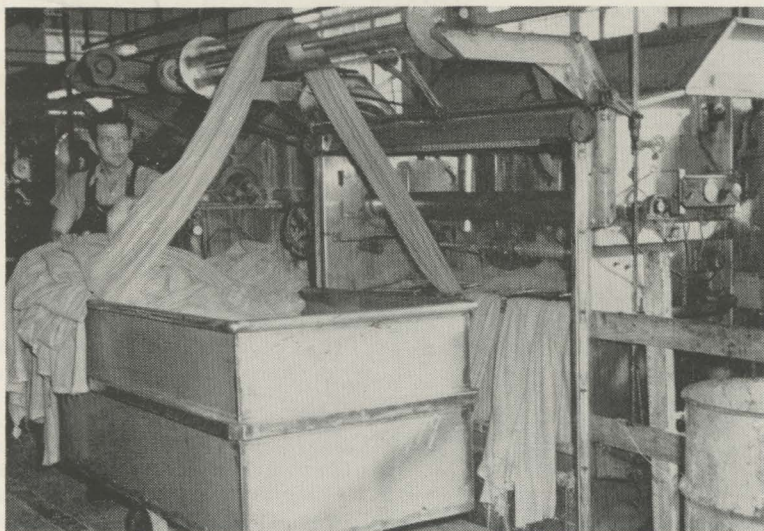
"Peanut" Blackburn, Receiving department, has built up a sizeable business of raising parakeets for sale. He wants an attractive name for his business, and is offering a parakeet as a prize to the person who makes the best suggestion. A committee of three will act as judges.

Names should be submitted in writing and signed by the person making the suggestion. There is no limit to the number of entries a person may make. Entries may be left at the Receiving department or at the Blanketeer Office.

Every individual has a place to fill in the world and is important in some respect, whether he chooses to be so or not.—Nathaniel Hawthorne.



HUBERT SHEPHERD is shown in a characteristic pose as he examines the cloth coming from a carbonizing dryer and crushing machine in the Wet Finishing department. We don't know just why his friends call him "Goober."



OPIE WHITE, an operator in the Wet Finishing department, is inspecting the cloth as it comes clean from one of the continuous washing machines. (Staff Photo)



### SHIPPING

Reporter: Loretta Collins

Clyde Carroll journeyed down to Raleigh over the week-end to see the Atlantic Coast conference tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Renegar of Flint, Michigan, were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Adams.

John Arnold and family visited relatives Sunday at Traphill.

Frances and Othel Hanes attended a birthday dinner given Sunday in honor of Mrs. Samaria

Swaim who celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Casstevens recently visited their son in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Newman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newman in Greensboro.

The newlyweds, D. C. and Jeanette Swaim, have returned from a honeymoon trip through Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina.

The assets of the Social Security Trust Fund which are not needed for current disbursement are invested in interest-bearing U. S. Government bonds.

There is a young lady in Indiana whose name is Adeline Moore. But everybody calls her "Postscript."

### WORSTED DIVISION

A SHIFT

Reporter: Mary Sparks

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Reynolds spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Calloway.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Walters spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Colvard of Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gambill and family visited his brother at State Road Sunday.

Rev. David Cockerham filled his regular Sunday appointment at Central View.

Luther Hemric says his chickens are all well now.

Those attending the L. H. C. Club meeting Thursday evening from the Worsteds Division were: Cola Transou, Thelma Monteith, Lousine Simmons, Mary Church and Mary Sparks.

Os Childress has exchanged his dog for a goat so he can have some milk.

B SHIFT

Reporter: Alta McCann

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Holleman visited Leonard's sister in Greensboro during the week-end.

Jo and Jerry Dunn had as their week-end guests Mrs. Lorene Shepard and daughter of Winston, Mr. and Mrs. Windell Steele of Dobson, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Dockery and children of Union Cross, and Mrs. Reba Nance and daughter of Elkin.

Doris and Grady Rogers recently visited a friend in Veterans Hospital in Durham.

Alta and Robert McCann visited Alta's mother in Yadkinville, Sunday.

Dewey Bauguess and Rex Blackburn are wondering what Warner Hoot's Chevrolet will do after having high-compression heads and over-size pistons installed???

C SHIFT

Reporter: Ruth Combs

Lester and Emily Holloway and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Settle, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Shore were the Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Chambers.

Jacque Darnell seems to think she is going to be on the go right much now-a-days, since she has her new drivers license.

Rosemble and Aldean Gentry visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen in Hamptonville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mary Jolly and son Larry of Guilford College were the Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall.

Mary Ruth and Sammie Combs had as their week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wood and daughter, Paulette of North Wilkesboro.

We are glad to welcome Delmar Lewis back on the 3rd shift.

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



### BURLING

Reporter: Ruby Pardue

Pvt. Paul Wilmoth of Camp Gordon, Georgia, spent the week-end with his parents, Lillian and T. B. Wilmoth.

Angeline and Betty Jean Holbrook of Washington, D. C., spent last week in Florida. On their return trip to Washington they spent Sunday with their parents, Pauline and Earl Holbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wagoner and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Spencer at their home in Benham.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ray and daughter were dinner guests Sunday of Irene and Russell Casey.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bumgarner of Millers Creek were Sunday guests of Maude and Hugh Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McBride and Ina McBride spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mitchell in Pulaski, Virginia.

Social Security Trust funds invested in U. S. Government bonds drew interest amounting to \$414,000,000 in 1953.

6,000,000 men, women and children are now receiving monthly Old-age and Survivors Insurance payments.

Total assets of the Social Security Trust Fund, as of December 31, 1953, were \$18.7 billion.



### Rep. Chatham's "Insulting Rugs" Attract Comment

Ever wanted to tell loafers to get out of the office?

Rep. Thurmond Chatham does it everyday.

To get to his office, folks have to walk on two "insulting rugs" that have made the Fifth District lawmaker the envy of his House colleagues.

Visitors get the first warning when they step into the outer office. There, just inside the door, is a small rug into which have been woven the words:

"If you have nothing to do, please don't do it here."

The second warning is for the benefit of folks who are inside Mr. Chatham's inner office. In big red letters, the rug proclaims pointedly:

"Don't go away mad, just go away."

The rugs were sent to Mr. Chatham a year ago by his sister, Mrs. Ralph Hanes of Winston-Salem, who found them somewhere in the North Carolina mountains.

A month ago, television viewers were given a look at the rugs on Douglas Edwards's news round-up program.

And not long ago, a California woman who apparently has boring neighbors, wrote Mr. Chatham and asked where she might buy some of those "insulting rugs."

—Twin City Sentinel.

### Karen Bryant Is Honor Roll Student

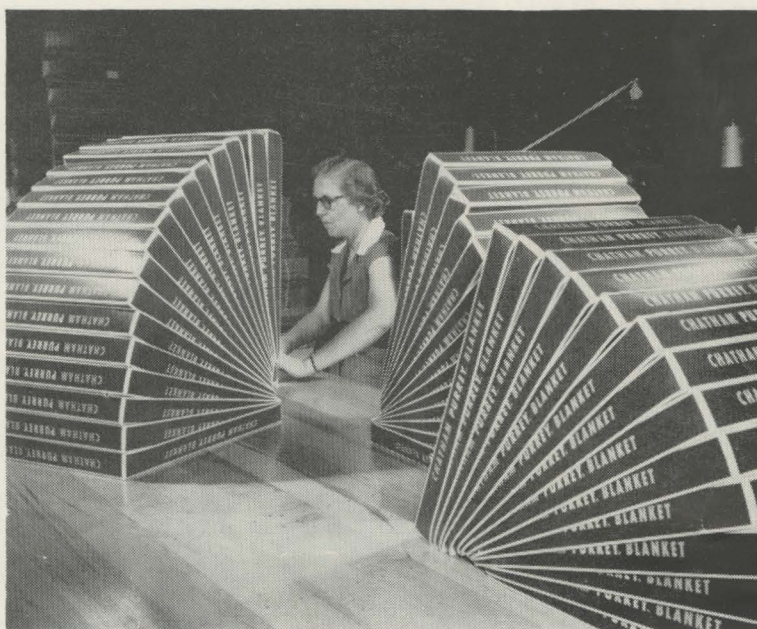
Karen Bryant, a daughter of J. K. Bryant, Standards, and Mrs. Bryant, was listed on the Honor Roll for the first semester at Woman's College, Greensboro. She was one of 44 freshmen who qualified for the Honor Roll.

### Ketchell Adams Wins Honor Roll Rating

Ketchell Adams, a sophomore at Guilford College, was listed on the Honor Roll at the college for the first semester.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, the latter an employee of the Main Office.

The millions of Americans with Irish blood in their veins may well be proud on Saint Patrick's Day (as well as any other day of the year) of Ireland's contribution to the brain and brawn of the United States—and proud, too, of the "Ould Sod" itself. The Emerald Isle today is one of the three richest countries, per capita, in all of Europe (Switzerland and Sweden being the other two), and the standard of living of its people is among the highest.



RUTH PRUITT, Binding, is framed between fan-shaped stacks of blanket boxes as she folds and prepares the boxes for packaging the pretty Purrey blankets.



LOUISE MARTIN appears cool as a cucumber as her binding machine stitches the pretty yellow ribbon on the pretty yellow blankets.



ARLENE WOOD, on the upper deck, and Marshall Woodruff at the Worsted Plant are attending the operation of a bank of "twisters." The fine yarns require careful watching and handling.

(Staff Photo)

### FROM OUR FILES

15 Years Ago This Month

Miss Annie Baker and Mr. ar Mrs. Frank Roberson recently v. ited relatives in Boonville.

Pat Osborne attended to bus ness matters last Saturday i Greensboro.

If you're wondering why Henry Steele is wearing a smile all over his face, here's the lowdown. He's the proud father of a 12-pound son.

Mrs. G. E. Byrd and children were guests of Mrs. Garfield Gambill Sunday, March 12.

We are glad to see the Rev. J. L. Powers back at work after several weeks' illness.

Mamie Chappell and daughter Dixie Blendon spent Saturday afternoon in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlie Layell have moved into their new home at Pleasant Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Phillips spent last week-end in Mount Airy as the guests of the former's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Myers had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Pete McClothern, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Finn Haynes and family spent Saturday shopping in Winston-Salem. They also enjoyed a good show Saturday night.

We want to announce that Mr. Garn West is the proud father of a baby girl.

Dick Mackie, Walter Minish, Rege Harris, Tom Henderson and John Sears went to Winston-Salem with the TCU boys for a trip through the Winston plant and dinner at the Robert E. Lee hotel by courtesy of Mr. Avery Neaves.

Mr. and Mrs. Lefty McIlwee were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snow Sunday evening.

Betty Louise Eldridge became the bride of Douglas Eugene Buntton Friday night, March 17, at Reynolds Presbyterian church with the Rev. Charlton D. Hutton officiating.

There was a time last Friday afternoon when the whole office was deserted except for Charlie Hanes. All the officials, including Mr. Neaves and Mr. Lankford, rushed off to the Elkin Furniture fire.

Lorene Dunlap recently spent the week-end with her parents in Walnut Cove.

Curley Tate says his Chevrolet is easy on gas and oil. But boy, oh boy, when it comes to fenders on other cars, well, results speak louder than words.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

For them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

I Samuel 2:30