

DEPARTMENT NEWS

TWISTING

By: Richard Harrison

Equipment relocation is continuing to the new plant. Twisters have been removed from the second east end, fourth east end and first east end. Please be careful while the movers are in your areas. Refrain from leaning out the windows as parts could fall off of these twisters.

Thus far the transition has gone very well. Productivity and quality levels have been satisfactory in most cases. Waste levels for twisting have been at budget. The proper seating of bobbins has played an important part in twisting success.

Also be careful not to mix yarn during this transition. It is necessary to move products to areas that they have not been produced at other times. There will be occasions that more than one type of white yarn will be on your floor.

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COMMENTS FROM MIKE ROLAND

I am now at the Kings Mountain plant - full time. I have enjoyed working with you guys in weaving and look forward to seeing you soon at the new plant.

TERRY SWANNER has taken my place in weaving. I have worked with Terry and enjoyed the working relationship I had with him. Let's welcome him to our team.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication in making this ten hour shift work out for us. The amount of production has increased through your efforts. Keep up the good work and I will see you at the new plant - SOON!

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WEAVING

By: Terry Swanner

The weave room has completed its first month on the two ten hour shifts and it has been relatively successful. As we continue to move more employees to the Learning Center and the Kings Mountain facility this type of amended work schedule will allow us to work through this difficult transition period.

The Splicing Department's efforts in working on broken cords continues to be a top priority.

WEAVING NEWS CONTINUED

Everyone's efforts from twisting, weaving, and treating are to be commended.

The Industrial Weaving teams are nearly in place and training has begun. We are setting our sights toward the move to Kings Mountain.

I would like to personally thank each person who has assisted in my acclamation to the Firestone team. Your understanding is deeply appreciated.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

By: Dave Lewis

The trials of special fabric, that was followed through the Gastonia plant by Akron-Valencia-Gastonia engineers, was evaluated in Valencia last month. All the followed rolls calendered very well. But the regular production fabric we saw was of poorer quality than we would like. We saw baggy fabric and poor roll builds. We agreed to improve the way we wrap the rolls, so they would pick up less moisture in their tropical climate. So we are adding extra layers of polyethylene film to the outside of the roll, and we will wrap the wooden shell in polyethylene. We are making roll build improvement a higher priority project.

The larger diameter shell rolls for treating and weaving are coming in now. This will reduce the amount of chargebacks we get for distorted fabric at both ends of our treated fabric rolls.

Noblesville continues to be happy with our present level of quality. Again, this is due to your personal attention to making the products exactly as the specification requires. Thanks.

This month I visited Bridgestone, LaVergne for a technical meeting and to watch our fabric at the calender. Overall they are pleased with our products. They would like us to improve our ends per inch uniformity all the way across the fabric. They have not approved the new air jet fabric because their tests show the ends per inch to be less uniform. Both weaving and treating have an impact on this, so pay attention to the uniformity across the sheet.