# Chatham



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WEAVING

# CHATHAM WINNER

### FOREMEN ENJOY WEEK-END TRIP

#### Winston-Salem Mill Victorious In Series of Volley Ball Games With Elkin

Approximately sixty foremen, second hands, and other employees of the company enjoyed a week-end trip to Bromo-Arsenic Springs, in Ashe county, on July 27, 28 and 29. Mr. Neaves, the General Superintendent, served as official host and guide, and all of the party had a great trip. The Springs are located at Crumpler, just off the highway from West Jefferson to Mouth-of-Wilson, and a more perfect setting for such a party would be hard to find. The majority of the men occupied cottages, with the overflow moving into the main hotel building across the road.

The Winston-Salem mill was victor in a series of volley ball games with the Elkin mill, played on the lawn in front of the hotel. Jess Powers, captain of the Elkin team, just couldn't seem to get his boys started, and they were unable to take a game from their opponents. Jeke Smitherman, the captain of the Winston team, presented a well-balanced organization, that clearly demonstrated the fact that team play is superior to the individual efforts of a collection of boys who consider themselves pretty good.

Irl Shamel and Sherman Newman were the champion horseshoe pitchers on the trip, while Nat Blackwood and Sam Taylor and Henry Dobson were the best at "night work." Some of the boys, under the leadership of Bob Ogburn, proved themselves excellent fishermen, and the rest of the party was treated to an oldfashioned fish supper when they returned.

The party broke up after dinner on Sunday, as all of the men started back home with tales to tell the folks of the good time they had while way up in the mountains.

#### Hough-Meinung

Albemarle, July 28.-Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hough, of Norwood, announce the engagement of to their daughter, Blanche M., Henry R. Meinung, Jr., of Winston-Salem. The wedding will take place the latter part of the summer.

"Be sure you put your feet in the right place, and then stand firm."-Abraham Lincoln.

#### (By Dick Chatham)

The loom is an apparatus upon which a woven fabric is pro-Its essential features duced. are: the warp and cloth beams placed and supported at each end of frame work; the comb or reed through which the warp threads pass from the warp beam to cloth beam; and the harness or the apparatus for lifting the warp threads to permit the passage of the shuttle containing the filling.

During the process of plain warp weaving, the alternate threads are lifted by the harness forming a shed for the shuttle to pass through, after which the reed is beaten up against the filling to produce a firm structure. On our looms here we use from four to eighteen harness, the number of course depending entirely upon the weave and pattern of the blanket or cloth. To give an idea how long it takes to weave a pair of blankets, the looms run from 92 to 102 picks per minute. That is to say that the shuttle passes back and forth through the shed 92 times per minute. The blankets we make contain from 3000 to 12000 picks, so it requires from thirty minutes to two hours to weave a pair of blankets.

After a certain number of pairs of blankets or yards of cloth is woven, it is taken off the cloth beam, measured, inspected by the Burlers, rolled up into a

# East Elkin Juniors Lick Pleasant Hill

The boys between the ages of 9 and 12 played their first game of baseball on the Pleasant Hill diamond on Saturday, July 21st. The East Elkin boys scoring 15 runs and Pleasant Hill 13. It was a close battle from start to finish with Avery Haynes on the mound for East Elkin while Lefty Money pitched for Pleasant Hill.

The entire line up of both teams are sons of the Chatham baseball fans of the Elkin mill. The East Elkin manager is Clyde Day and the Pleasant Hill

manager, David Day Batteries for East Elkin, Avery Haynes and Pete Gambill. Batteries for Pleasant Hill Leo Money and Jones Darnell, Jr.

Umpire, David Day, Jr.

bale, and sent to Winston for the final processes.

In our weave room we have in use several different sizes and kinds of looms, all made by the same company, however, they are 82" long to 108" long. Strange to say, some of them were in the mill during the terrible flood we had here in 1916, and the writer has been informed by some of the older weavers that they are in better running condition at this time than ever before.

A majority of our looms are automatic, but we have several hand looms, on which our cloth is woven. A few advantages the automatic loom has over the The automatic hand loom are: loom transfers the filling from the magazine to the shuttle automatically, while the hand loom has to be stopped and the filling placed in the shuttle by the weaver. 2. It requires one weaver to each hand loom, while four automatic looms can be run by one weaver.

The recent installation of quite a few dobby heads on our looms has made it possible for us to weave double weaves, fancy weaves, broken twills, in fact almost anything that can be woven. A blanket was made not long ago 144" wide by 168" long on one of our 92" length looms. This incredible feat was accomplished by our efficient Boss Weaver, W. E. Burcham. When he did this he surprised everybody, including himself.

## **Funeral Held For** Finley G. Foster

Finley G. Foster, 46, passed away at his home in Arlington on Tuesday, July 24th, following a three years illness from cancer.

The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Foster, of Mocksville, who survive him, together with his wife, Mrs. Collie Macemore Foster, one sister and one brother, Mrs. Brag Smith and J. M. Foster, both of Mocksville.

Mr. Foster was a devout member of the Christian church.

Funeral services were held from the Knobs church, in charge of Rev. John Hinson and Cleat Simmons, interment following in the church cemetery.

Pall bearers were close friends of the deceased.

# OVER HIGH POINT

Southard Allows Visitors Only One Hit; Parker Sustains Injury In Sixth

Chatham Blanketeers of Elkin played errorless ball Saturday, July 28th, on the home diamond, to shut out the High Point Furniture aggregation 4 to 0 in a fierce contest. Southard held the visitors to one hit.

Maxwell slammed two out of four while Crater, Hambright and Mackie each slammed one for two. Chatham scored two in the seventh, when Hambright with a double, and Maxwell with a single, scored on Robbins' double.

Southard fanned ten men and Haney five.

Parker was injured behind the plate in the sixth and was relieved by Munday. RHE Score by innings:

High Point ....000 000 000-0 1 1 Chatham ......000 000 22x-4 9 0 Haney and Gurley; Southard and Parker, Munday.

## Winston To Have Athletic Director

Russell Plaster, a local Winston-Salem man, has been employed by the Winston Mill as full-time athletic director for that unit.

Mr. Plaster has had quite a bit of experience. He attended school at Duke University, and has been a football, baseball and basketball star for the past several years. He was formerly employed by the City Playground department, and the Winston Mill feels that they are fortunate in securing his services. Plans have not been completed as to the type of program he will put on for the remainder of the year.

# **Hearing On Route**

Raleigh, July 30 .- A hearing on the proposed location of route 26-A between Wilkesboro and Elkin will be held in the courthouse at Wilkesboro at 10 o'clock Thursday, E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, announced today.

The route involves about 20 miles of construction and maps have been posted locating the route through Ronda and Roaring River.

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