LOOSE ENDS By Mary Sue Thorne

Now that spring is here, I mean that a March gale is blowing, folks are vacationing, fishing and gardening.

Catherine Dills is back from vacation in Silver Springs and Daytona Beach, Florida. She's all nice and tan too....

Martha Harris had a vacation last month too, which she spent mostly fishing . . .

At this writing, Edna Mae McCrary is sick. We hope she will be well again soon. And we are sorry Mary Henderson is sick. She is out for a major operation. Mary Alice Merrill has also been on the sick list

Clara Stepp has the newest spring hair cut we've seen. It's cool, short and snazzy!

Evelyn Morrow is getting her spring sewing lined up. Evelyn says she has a lawn and flowers to tend, too.

Violet Patterson and Callie Talley are slaughtering their last porkers and having the meat cured for summer. We can definitely smell and almost taste those hams!

Evelyn Taylor, Clara Lee Roper, Edna Extine, Betty Fisher, Betty Galloway, Ruby Winchester, Fannie Jo Tinsley, Mae Stansell and Bessie Gravely have recently been transferred from Evening shift to Days....

We find that we have a poet and song writer in our midst. Edna Extine is having a song published in Hollywood. She has promised us a first edition. Her ode to spring appears at the end of this column....

We wonder if Amanda Powell has a braille system on her loom. . She runs belts off just like hot cakes with her eyes closed. Yes siree, they are good ones! She says she's applying for a patent on her automatic system of weaving...

Departmental

Essie Whitmire and Millie O'-Dell are a-feudin' and a-fightin' but they haven't killed gran'ma yet, about which one of their little new niece, Gloria Jean Fisher, is the most like. Millie 'lows it has her lovely blonde coloring while Essie vows the baby has her s-w-e-e-t disposition....

From all the chatter about Easter bonnets, we know the girls are all dolling up for the Easter parade. And we can't blame them, the new clothes are irresistible, haven't seen so many pretty things since before the war....

SPRING

Spring is just around the corner, As everyone should know. You can see it, feel it Everywhere you go.

March wind is still blowing But it feels nice and warm. No need to look for snowing It's spring, and there's no harm.

Flowers peeping out of the ground,

Some are yellow and some are blue.

Birds are singing in the trees It's spring and they are happy too.

Yes, spring is just around the corner

So shining bright and new.

It's getting closer and closer to

us I'm so glad, aren't you? "Support the Red Cross"

We should work eight hours and sleep eight hours, but not the same eight.

CANTEEN-CAFETERIA CHATTER

BY Ann Kitchen

The March wind has been blowing but we hope it doesn't bring snow for Spring is supposed to be just around the corner. Everybody is gardening and cleaning up for Spring or buying that new Easter outfit. Mrs. Ethel Batson outfitted herself with a new home in North Brevard for Easter and Divola moved into a new apartment near the Pierce Moore Hotel.

We extend our sympathy in Mr. and Mrs. Lewis House in their recent bereavement.

We welcome into our midst the following new employees: Fred Sherman, Johnnie Bradley, William Dixon, and John A. Wilde.

Mrs. Bessie Cheek, Mrs. Belle Blake and Miss Helen Davis enjoyed a recent shopping trip to Asheville.

Valery Carter is soon moving into his new home which is now under construction near Pisgah Forest.

"Support the Red Cross" ECUSTA SQUARE DANCE TEAM IN FOLK FESTIVAL

Our smooth-stepping Ecusta Square Dance team which was rated the top team in the 20th Annual Mountain Folk Festival at Ashville last summer will take part in the Carolina Folklore Festival at Chapel Hill June 18 and 19. Since our team already holds several championships and is recognized as one of the foremost teams in this part of the country, it will not compete in the Festival but will give an exhibition at each of the four performances during the two days of the event.