

MACHINE ROOM NEWS

By John Goolsby

This month news is rather scarce and as must of you know, the talk is about baseball, but we will skip that subject for the present for we want to tell you about some more of the men who make our paper.

The spotlight this month shifts to the second man in the three-man crew—the backtender. His duties in paper-making are most important. One of his responsibilities is to know the right amount of steam in a certain dryer so our paper will be dried properly. He also inspects the paper and keeps the machine tender informed at all times of any defects. Some stranger could walk in our mill and think these fellows are crazy as they go through their sign language. It's a sign language

known to every papermaker and it is clearly understood. Records are kept so that everyone concerned can check on the number and location of defects in the reel.

When a machine breaks down or a wash-up is coming up, every man takes his position and works with clocklike precision threading the paper back over the machine. Speed is important in this process for an idle machine sends forth no production.

Now about the wires and machine clothing. You get no warning as to when trouble will come with these. All crew members on duty when a breakdown occurs see duty. This is a tedious job and cooperation is vital here. You must be fast, but also careful and exact because of the fineness of the wire. The slightest jolt or strain could put a mark in it. Every member works in unity as it is imperative that

it be right since it travels thousands of times over tube rolls, suction boxes and other rolls.

Altogether these boys are in there pitching for the most paper and the best paper. A better bunch of fellows could not be found!

Thought for every day:
If everyone of you who work on machines
Would lie a month in a hospital bed
With burns, broken bones, and wounds
Or fracture of your arms or perhaps your head.
If every one could stand beside the bed of some close friend
And hear the doctor say "No hope" before the fatal end.
And see him there out of his head
Not knowing what took place
The rules of safety, dear fellow worker,
We would obey and gladly embrace.

INSPECTION NEWS

By Kenneth McDaris

Spring is here at last! All the boys are talking baseball and fishing again. The boys who are going out for the Inspection team are: Holland Corn, Ray Byrd, Marshall Gillespie, James Byrd, Robert Jennings, Wayne Nicholson, Ernest Cagle, Odell Shook, James Clay, William Odell, Pete Wright, Rusty and Grady Carland, Fred Randolph, Ralph S. Smith, Hall Owen, James Brock, Roy Head, Melvin Atkinson, Robert Quinn, Clinton Morris, David Sams, and "Speedy" Merrell. Doyle Wells will again be manager and Ray Byrd will be captain.

Randall Lankford caught a nine-inch bream, the largest bream reported so far. Mr. and Mrs. James Sheppard went fishing twice recently. The first time Mrs. Sheppard caught eight and James caught one. The last time they went they caught thirty-three. Tom Bryson and Ray Byrd tell about the time

they caught twenty-four 10-inch rainbow trout in a spring branch. Sounds like a "fish tale" to me.

Odell Gray is recovering from an appendectomy and James Clay from a tonsillectomy. Mrs. Monroe McCall is recovering from a major operation.

Jack Hogsed served on the jury at the last term of court.

Edith Stiles spent Easter with her parents who live at Franklin. Incidentally, Edith will be married in the near future to Henry Summey of Brevard.

Ernest Cagle spent his vacation getting his car ready for the inspection lane.

Monroe McCall and family spent their vacation in Orlando, Fla.

Ralph Smith built a garage and visited Pelzer, S. C., during his vacation.

Ronny, eight-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Redmond has recovered from a "strep" throat.

The Randall Lankfords announce the birth of a daughter April 14 at the Biltmore hospi-

tal. She weighed 6½ lbs.

Gordon Whitmire spent his vacation repairing fences and fishing.

James Dunn, Lynn Pressley, Tom Brotherton, Ralph and Joyce Sentelle, Rusty Carland and Robert Jennings spent their vacations planting gardens. Some of the boys worked around their new houses. These include Earl Galloway, Harry and Jack Hogsed, Hall Owen, Vincent Dixon, Clinton Morris, and Lee Reid. Others taking vacations were: James Middleton, Ben Bishop, Franklin C. Justus, Lewis Roberts, Cecil Camp, Robert Chappell, Robert King, E. Odell Shook, Josephus Norman, Cleat Hardin, G. H. Buckner, L. Leon Scruggs, and Blanche Jones.

We were glad to have Evelyn Myers Orr, a former Inspection employee, visit the department recently. Mrs. James McCormick accompanied Mrs. Orr.

James Keener is telling a fish story to end all fish stories. Something about catching a big 16-inch rainbow trout near a church. What about it, James?