



# POINT-CREST



## NYLONS FOR EASTER



NITA NORMAN, High Point office, is shown looking admiringly on a box of nylons sold recently in our Commissaries. From all indications, everyone enjoyed the sale.

### Nylons Have Quite a Story Behind Them Travel Long Road to Make Finished Product

Those sheer and lovely nylon hose many of Burlington's employees and wives are now, or soon will be, wearing have quite a story of themselves to tell. One can hardly believe that a mere strip of knitted nylon yarn has gone through so many processes to make it into the finished product that it is.

First in the long road toward the finished product is the processing of the nylon yarn in our own throwing plants. Then, after it has been made ready for knitting, the thrown yarn is next sent to the knitting plants.

Full fashioned (seamed hose) nylons are knitted flat on a long machine which, depending upon the number of sections, can knit from 24 to 30 stockings at one time. This machine automatically knits the stocking and moves it forward from the needles, similar to the way hand-knit wool progresses on regular knitting needles. A whole set of stockings can be knit in from 30 to 45 minutes!

#### Shaping

Shaping of the stocking to make room for the calf of the leg and to narrow for the ankle is done by a "pattern chain" which, according to the way the governing buttons are set, automatically decreases the number of needles used. The "fashion marks," from which the full fashioned hose get their name, are along the back of the hose and are results of this decreasing of needles used.

Some of the newer knitting machines consist of just one machine to make the welt (top), body (leg portion), and foot of the stocking together. However, others are divided into "legger" and "footer" machines,

with the former making the top and body of the stocking and the latter the foot alone.

There is a seamless knitting machine which is somewhat different from the regular long full fashioned machines described. The seamless machines consist of a tube-like cylinder and knit the stocking circularly. The whole stocking is knitted with no fashion marks, the shaping being done merely by tightening and loosening the stitches. Although only one stocking is knitted at a time on the seamless machines which compare to one section of the full fashioned machines, time needed to make one stocking is less.

Throughout the knitting process, marks of identification for later use at the finishing plant are placed in the hose. These show at what plant the hose were made, on what shift, the machine number, date of week and month in which they were made, and the size. These are usually indicated by placement of looser course in welt and by fashion marks in leg and foot of hose. In inspecting the hose the finishing plant can use these marks of identification to trace certain defects.

After the regular knitting of the stocking has been done, there remain three more major processes. "Looping" is the closing of the heel and toe and "seaming" seams the hose up the back. All stockings knitted are inspected in the greige at each knitting mill, being put on expanding leg forms to show up defects.

#### Dying and Finishing

Burlington operates its own hosiery dyeing and finishing plant in Greensboro. Here the stockings from all of the plants are shipped. Nylon is pe-

### BOTH PLANTS RAISE RED CROSS QUOTAS

The Red Cross Drive conducted in mid-March was an overwhelming success in both of our plants. Final tabulation shows that both Hillcrest and High Point went over their quotas. Hillcrest raised \$472.50 and High Point raised \$1,222.00. The quotas for the plants were \$450 and \$1,200 each. We were the first plants in either the textile or woodworking divisions to make our quotas.

We heartily congratulate our employees for their fine participation and interest in this drive. As stated previously, 40% of these funds will remain in High Point for use in the local Red Cross Chapter where such activities as first aid instruction, life-saving, home economics instruction, home nursing, and disaster aid will be available.

### JAMES E. DICKEY'S DEATH REPORTED

Hillcrest employees will regret to learn that Captain James Elmer Dickey, former assistant office manager at Hillcrest, has been officially declared dead by the war department. He was reported missing on March 27, 1945.

Captain Dickey came to work at Hillcrest in November, 1939. He was a pay roll clerk and a cost clerk and was assistant office manager when he entered the army as an enlisted man on July 19, 1941.

After being appointed an aviation cadet—receiving his wings in May, 1943—he was attached to the 417th bomber group with the Fifth Air Force, flying an A-20 bomber. He participated in 103 missions prior to his death, covering operations in New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies, and the Philippines.

So far as the war department has been able to determine, Captain Dickey was aboard a C-47 transport plane an Administrative flight to Finchhafen, New Guinea. The plane was not contacted following its take-off, and searches which were conducted by the army disclosed no traces of either the plane or its crew and passengers.

We express our sympathy to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dickey, of Burlington.

cular from the rayon hose in that first the nylon hose are "preboarded" or put on a metal leg form which by the subjection of heat and steam pressure sets the contour of the stocking. Then they are dyed in rotary dye tubs. Here also certain finishing ingredients are added to make the stocking snag resistant and more beautiful. After this process, the nylon hose are finally "boarded" and dried.

Later the hose are inspected again, labels showing OPA number, etc., "transferred" on them, and packaged. Burlington at this time makes no branded stockings but packages them in boxes and lots according to the customer requirements.

As is true of all Burlington Mills quality material, Burlington's hose also are subject to strict quality standards which have come about through the years to make the excellent hose the Company manufactures. Rechecking, construction planning, experimentation by physical and chemical laboratories combine to make sure that Burlington's hosiery is up to the very best standards in the field.

Throwing, knitting, dyeing and finishing—all go together to produce the end product of nylon hose which many of you now so proudly own.

### Weavers Win 3 Out of 4 From Barq's

On Sunday, April 7th, behind the pitching of Stoker and Cardin, the Weavers won both ends of a double header from Barq's Bottlers in Winston-Salem. Stoker pitched shutout ball in the first game and allowed but five scattered hits. The Weavers put the game on ice in the seventh inning by scoring three runs. The score was 4-0.

In the second game with Clyde Cardin pitching and with Stoker leading the attack with three hits, the Weavers rolled up seven runs in the first two innings and won the game 8-3.

The Weavers split the double header with Barq's on Sunday the 14th, winning the first game 4-3 with Stoker pitching. In the second game with Carden pitching, the Weavers dropped the game to Barq's 9-5.

### Softball - Basketball Teams Honored By "Y"

Both softball teams at Hillcrest and the men's softball team at High Point were honored at the Y. M. C. A. annual meeting and athletic night on Tuesday, April 9, 1946, at the First Baptist Church. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Paul Tudor Jones, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, who in his talk traced the origin of the Y. M. C. A. from its organization by George Williams in London 100 years ago, to the point which now has world-wide influence. The speaker pointed out "that the memory of victory in an athletic contest could in after years, when the going becomes hard, inspire one to renewed vigor and the will to win." "The opposite," he said, "is also true. The memory of cowardice when the best was expected could weaken and defeat one in a critical hour."

The awards to the teams mentioned were for their achievements as follows:

Hillcrest men's softball team, winners of the Industrial League 1945.

High Point Weaving men's softball team, runner-up and Hillcrest girl's softball team, winners of the Industrial League.

In the basketball award, High Point Weaving was recognized as runners-up to Triangle. Mr. Edgar Hartley, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., stated that the trophies had not yet arrived but would be given to the winners at a later date.

Mr. Nathan Ayres, who is co-chair man of the present Y. M. C. A. building fund, along with Mr. Welch Harris, outlined some of the features of the new building which will include such features as another gymnasium, lockers for junior and senior members and business men, health appliances, club rooms, a kitchen, craft-shop for boys, lounge room, and dormitory space for 78 men. A goal of \$327,000 has been set and a campaign to raise the balance of \$197,000 is now in progress.

We congratulate the members of these teams for their success.

#### ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN

"Could you tell me the date of a traffic accident at the corner of 15th and Denver sometime during March?" an anxious feminine voice inquired of the Fort Worth police department.

After much digging through the files, an obliging police officer was able to report to the troubled woman that the accident happened on March 24.

"Now what else do you want to know about the accident?" asked the obliging officer.

"That's all," replied the troubled voice. "That's the day my cat got out and I just wanted to know when to expect her kittens."

### NEW POSTWAR SET-UP IS ANNOUNCED FOR UPTOWN DEPARTMENT

Vice President L. A. Stadler and J. E. Garvin, at headquarters in Greensboro, figure in a new postwar organization set-up for Burlington's Uptown Department, of which High Point and Hillcrest are members, according to an announcement by Plants Manager W. I. Spencer.

Stadler, as member of the Manufacturing Committee and Manufacturing Cabinet, continues to work directly with the plants managers on plans for new plants and building extensions, specifications for new machinery, development of new cloth constructions, perfection of new technical procedures, and other postwar developments. As a member of the Manufacturing Committee, he also is sponsor of the Purchasing and Engineering, and Uptown departments.

Garvin, as member of the Manufacturing Cabinet, handles the administrative responsibilities of the Uptown Department. This includes organization, personnel and general day to day follow-up of quality, cost, efficiency, and other work of the department.

Stadler and Garvin are well known in communities where Burlington operates, both having been with the Company for over ten years.

Stadler began working with the Company in 1934 and came up through the ranks of the administrative organization. He has served as superintendent of Greensboro Weaving, Gloria, and Covington plants.

Garvin came with Burlington Mills in 1936. The next year he went to Altavista where he was plant superintendent, and in May, 1945, was made plants manager of Covington. In January of this year Garvin was transferred to headquarters in connection with his new assignment.

### DEWEY REID GOES TO COVINGTON PLANT

Dewey Reid, former first shift Weave Room overseer at High Point, has been transferred to Covington, Virginia—Burlington Mills. Dewey will be lead-off overseer in the Weave Room at Covington. The transfer was effective March 22nd.

Dewey began work with Burlington Mills in March, 1932 at Lexington. He has worked at Cascade in Mooresville and came to High Point in October, 1939. He has had many years experience in weaving.

Dewey is married and has two children. His wife, Clarice, is a skein-winder on second shift at High Point. His many friends at the High Point plant wish him the best of success in his new work.

### Weavers Lose In Basketball Finals

The Weavers wound up the basketball season by losing two straight games to Triangle in the finals of the City Industrial League play-off. Ending the play-offs by virtue of wins in the semi-finals with Tomlinson's, they were unable to match the greater scoring power of the Triangle team. The score of the last game was 51-38 and final standing for the season showed the Weavers in second place. All told, it was a successful season in which the Weavers won their share of the victories.