

Mrs. Annie Wilson Is Interesting Employee Of Sheeting Weave Room

An interesting employee of the Sheeting Weave Room is Mrs. Annie Wilson, a native of Hickory who has been at Draper for the past 24 years. Her husband died soon after they moved to Draper and left three small children.

Mrs. Wilson, a weaver, worked and supported the young children and put them through school. A son, Leonard, graduated in 1935 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and now is state editor of the Raleigh News and Observer.

She has two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Leftwich, of Cascade, Va., who also works in the Weave Room, and Mrs. Margaret Z. Rippy, of Charlotte.

Mrs. Wilson has worked in the weave room for 21 years and states that she is looking forward to becoming a member of the 25-Year Club. She has never had a lost-time accident and has been one of the most dependable persons in her department. —K. B.

Rayon Preparation and Office (By Mildred Saunders)

This really must be the perfect time for vacation. Proof of it is the fact that Margaret Sherwood enjoyed a nine-day tour of Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hubbard and daughter, Linda, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Robertson.

Either Virginia Hurd will have to have a few reading lessons or some "specks", because it is absolutely necessary for you to read signs, Jenna.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Crouch and daughters, Carolyn and Jane, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Crouch, Elon College, Sunday.

We are wondering why Doris Grogan is wearing such a broad grin these days. Since Easter is just around the corner, we are apt to think that her new outfit will serve two purposes.

Betty Carter has definitely got the spring fever, or at least we thought she had it until ole man winter came back for a visit. However, it won't be long now until you can be sure of having the fever, Betty.

DRAPER PASTURE NOTICE

We are fixing the pasture fence on the west end of Carolina Avenue and will start work Easter Monday, April 7, at 8 a. m. We will be glad for anyone who wishes to pasture his cow in this pasture to come and help work on the fence. Only those who help will be allowed to put their cows in the pasture. No pasture rent is to be collected this year. Please come because we have a big job ahead of us and we need your help.

Sincerely,

P. G. LAWSON.

NEARLY ALL EMPLOYEES

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anticipated that most of them will take the new insurance when they return to work.

It was required by the insurance company that 75% of the eligible employees be covered in order to make the plan effective. It is believed that some of the small percentage who did not sign cards will do so before the April 25 deadline and will give the plan virtually complete coverage of all employees.

A tabulation of the coverage by mills follows:

Mill	Employees	Signed	Pct.
Towel	849	849	100%
Finishing	357	357	100%
Rayon	276	276	100%
Hosiery	192	192	100%
Specials	28	28	100%
Bleachery	156	156	100%
Blanket	1060	1051	99.2%
Karastan	834	828	99.3%
Sheeting	606	591	97.5%
General Office	537	527	98.1%
Woolen	453	442	97.6%
Bedsread	448	442	98.7%
Embr. Bedsread	118	114	96.6%
Central Warehouse	113	111	98.2%
*Sick	96	96	100%
Retired	128	128	100%
TOTAL	6,251	6,188	99.0%

* Covered under old plan because they went out sick prior to March 25 and expected to sign up for revised plan upon their return to work.

Nantucket News

(Lois Shelton and Hazel Carter)

Cuma Odell is leaving Personnel to work for Mr. Trotter. The girls gave her a dinner at Mulberry Terrace in Martinsville the other night with a movie afterward.

Ash Lee Greer has had several dinner dates at Club Martinique recently. Is it the club or the dates, Ash Lee?

Dick Henry has left us for the Woolen Mill. We all miss you very much and hope you don't get too accustomed to being away from us, Dick.

Jack Rose has been added to the Research Staff. Welcome, Jack.

The painters have run Mr. Byrd's wife away from home, which accounts for his being so thin, says Mr. Byrd. (Maybe he doesn't know how to cook).

Bill Richardson, of the Wage Bureau, has recently become a radio artist. From all reports, he has been receiving quite a bit of fan mail.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends of the Bedsread Spinning room for the nice cards, letters, and flowers and many kindnesses shown me during my recent illness. May God bless you all.

MRS. BEULAH TILLMAN.

Old Story Recalled Of Fires At Draper

When the first jacquard looms were installed at the Blanket Mill several years ago, it was almost a daily occurrence to have a fire around some of the new looms. Everyone had his own pet theory as to the cause of the fires but for a while no one could prove what was starting them. Someone finally discovered that the fires were caused by spontaneous combustion in the waste stock that was used to apply the dressing to the harness twine.

Charlie Edward, now a mill guard at Draper, was at that time a loom-fixer and was quite interested in the cause of the fires. He did not believe, however, that they were started by spontaneous combustion.

To prove that the balls of waste would not catch fire, Edwards put a ball of waste in his pocket and took it home with him. When he retired that night he had forgotten the waste and laid his coat across a sewing machine in the bedroom.

During the night, Edward's mother-in-law, was awakened by stifling smoke which filled the house. She spread the alarm that the house was on fire. Investigation showed, however, that Edwards' coat was burning and that it had been ignited by the ball of waste. Edwards was convinced but coatless!—E. L.

Central Warehouse Office Chatter Vs. Jabber (By Glennice Jones)

Margie Perry went down to Kannapolis for the week-end. We wonder what the attraction was! She says it was to visit relatives!

Maybud Stanley spent the day in Winston-Salem Monday. We are expecting to see at least a new hat out of that trip.

John and "Rick" Eggleston are still talking about the wonderful time they had in Richmond last week-end.

Sarah Pendleton, who is a student at Emmanuel College, spent a few days with her parents last week.

We will certainly miss Jean Kelly, who is resigning to take a position at her home in Gastonia. Wish we could persuade her to stay!

Department Passes Half Million Mark

The Jack Spinning Department of the Blanket Mill has not had a lost-time accident for the past 111 weeks, and has accumulated 519,167 man hours to the department's credit. This was the report as of week ending March 19, 1947. Melvin Moore, the foreman and all the employees in this department are proud of this half-million record of man-hours, and are resolved to continue to pile them up to their credit. —E. L.