



**TEACHERS VISIT:**—Shown above is a group of teachers from Draper Graded and Draper High School who visited Fieldcrest Mills recently, touring the Blanket and Sheeting Mills at Draper, the Finishing Mill and Bleachery at Spray, and the Karastan Mill at Leaksville.

Left to right (front row) are: Miss Frances Kemp, Mrs. J. W. Arnall, Mrs. J. L. Edwards, W. A. Poovey, Howard Blake, and Mrs. A. D. Pratt; back row: Mrs. Marjorie Campbell, Mrs. Purdie Hall, Mrs. Helen Poovey, Miss Beth Hildebrand, and Mrs. Nellie Jeffries.

## BLASTS from the Draper Office (By Evelyn Lewis)

Guess you all were in the Easter Parade this year and had a wonderful time! With another Easter passed, I guess we will all settle down and work for another spell or until about July 4th, when we have another holiday.

Over the holidays, Lucy Walker decided to "take off" to the mountains. Yes, she visited her grandmother near North Wilkesboro.

Understand Kathleen Barrow has again turned housekeeper. Sorry to learn that her mother has had the flu.

We were greeted last week by a visit from Vera Belle Cherry, a former Timekeeper in the Blanket Mill. Her husband, Clifford, is about to become a civilian again and so Vera is home for good. Glad to have you back and do pay us another visit real soon.

James Marlowe, Foreman in the Wool Picking Department and "Fats" Strader, Clerk in the same department, from all reports are having a time for themselves out in California.

Guess Hazel and Dan Squires will be moving in soon into their new home on Fieldcrest Road. Congratulations to you both and we will all be up to see you when you move.

Floda Somers has finally gotten moved. Yes, she is now living on Early Ave-

## Old Hat Has Been Hanging In Ware- house For 30 Years

At the request of many persons who heard the radio story about the old hat at the Woolen Mill we are printing a picture of the hat as it appears today. The straw, basket-type hat has been hanging in the warehouse for more than 30 years, and is kept there in memory of Ebb Pettris, colored janitor and yard man, who was a familiar figure around the Woolen Mill.



Pettris' Hat

Pettris wore the hat in the summer and left it hanging in the warehouse in winter. When he died the hat was hanging in the warehouse and his friends there have taken care of it for over 30 years, keeping it out of the way of painters and putting in a new string whenever one was needed.

—G. H.

nue in the house formerly occupied by Otis Marlowe. Floda says she is almost able to find her way around now.

## Searcy And Maness Receive Promotions At Blanket Mill

John P. Searcy has been promoted from section man to assistant foreman on the third shift in the Blanket Mill Cotton Carding Department and Alvin T. Maness has been promoted from head pattern man to assistant foreman on the second shift in the Blanket Weave Room, according to an announcement by D. A. Purcell, mill superintendent.



JOHN SEARCY ALVIN MANESS

Searcy is a native of Rutherford county but has been at Draper for several years. He first joined the Company in 1932 in the Blanket Mill Cotton Carding and has worked on virtually all the jobs in that department. He is married to the former Miss Lessie Jones of Draper and they have two boys, Herman, 13, and Roy, 10 years old.

Maness is a native of Draper and has been in the Blanket Weave Room for 11 years. He entered the Army in September 1943 first serving as a radioman with the 1st Tactical Air Force. During the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, he was shifted to the 2nd Armored (Hell on Wheels) Division and served as a radio machine gunner on a tank. Maness is married to the former Miss Ruby Hairfield, of Draper and they have a child, Annette, four months old.

## ★ Bedsprad News (By Ada Jones)

Welcome to the first shift, Claudia Bingham and Neal Shively.

Mary Smith has been a patient at the Leaksville Hospital.

Berean Talbert, student at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, is spending a week with his mother, Mrs. Stella Talbert.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman had John's mother, Mrs. Rosa Coleman, as house guest last week.

Mrs. Minnie Eastridge will enter the Baptist Hospital Tuesday, April 15, for treatment.

Ruby Hundley has been out for the past week with her aunt, Jennie Fund-erburke, who is a patient at Winston-Salem.