

Folks You Know



BLANKET LOOMFIXERS:—Picture above, snapped recently at the Blanket Mill gate, shows two well-known Draper men. Both are loomfixers and both are members of the 25-Year Club. And both are Virginians by birth.

J. S. Slaydon (left), a Henry County native, first worked in the Blanket Weave Room in 1918 as a filling man. He left the mill in 1920 to engage in farming. He rejoined the Blanket Mill March 17, 1924, as a doobby weaver. He continued as a weaver until 1939 when he became a loomfixer, which is his present classification. His wife, Eva Slaydon, is a weaver at the Blanket Mill and his daughter, Pauline McBride, is employed in Blanket Mill Jack Spinning Dept.

J. W. Hairfield was born near Axton in Henry County. He worked as a carpenter at Fieldale in 1920. He went to work in the Blanket Weave Room as a filling man January 3, 1921. He was a weaver from 1925 until 1940, when he was promoted to loomfixer. He has continued as a loomfixer since that time. His wife, Fannie Hairfield, is employed in the Sheeting Cloth Room.

New Address

William O. Hammock, son of L. C. Hammock of the Sheeting Weave Room, will be glad for his friends to write him at his new address:

William O. Hammock
A.M. 2/C
U. S. Naval Air Station
Division 7,000 O&R
Alameda, Calif.

The only time you realize that you have a reputation is when you are not living up to it.

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Employee's Mother Is Gay and Active At 89

One of the most sprightly and cheerful persons in Spray is Mrs. Carrie Jones of Morgan Street who celebrated her 89th birthday August 15. She is the mother of John Jones of the Rayon Mill and Ulric (Buck) Jones, a retired employee of the Woolen Mill.

During an interview with a Mill Whistle reporter, she was asked her age. With eyes twinkling she replied, "Sixteen, of course!" Then she pointed out great-grandchildren playing around the doorstep. She has "gobs of grandchildren" and a number of great-great-grandchildren, the latter living in Tarboro. In addition to the sons, she has two daughters, Mrs. Lottie Allred and Mrs. Susie Nichols, both of whom live in Spray.

Mrs. Jones was born in nearby Henry County, Va., but has lived at Spray for the past 75 years. She has lived in her present home on Morgan Street for 47 years. It was originally a four-room house, but several years ago a nearby store building was moved to the rear of the home. This was converted into two additional rooms for the house. The store had been operated by her husband, the late Thomas Jones.

At the age of 14, Mrs. Jones was working in the old Leaksville Cotton Mill. She recalls that she drew in the first warp and wove the first woolen blankets in Spray. She says "a Dr. Goodwin" received the first two blankets and that her husband bought the third one, which the family used a long time. Mrs. Jones worked at the Spray Woolen Mill for about six years following the death of her husband. She operated a napper and "helped measure blankets."

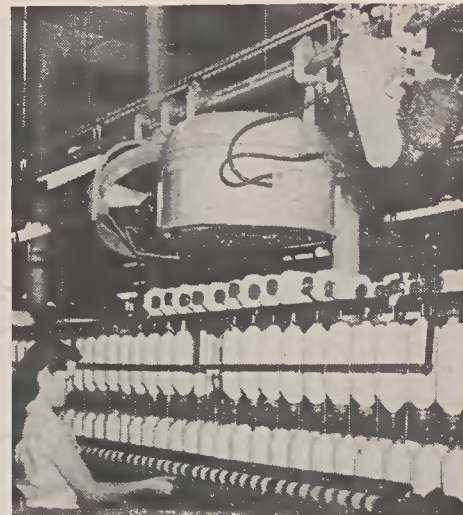
She recalls that her father, Thomas Newnam, was a pioneer in the Tri-City section. A stone mason and brick mason, Mr. Newnam helped build the pillars for the "old covered bridge" over Dan River at Leaksville. This was for Gov-



MRS. CARRIE JONES

.....At Spray 75 Years.....

New Overhead Cleaners



Shown above is the new automatic cleaning system at the Blanket Mill. The installation covers all the frames in the cotton spinning dept. It was put into operation August 10. The new equipment consists of blowers which travel on a track above the spinning frames. In addition to blowing downward on the frames, there is a 20-inch propeller type fan driving a column of air against the ceiling. This prevents an accumulation of lint which might drop down and cause "slubs" in the yarn. The girl shown is Mary Hatcher, spinner on the first shift.

ernor Morehead's toll bridge, which was put together with wooden spikes instead of nails. It fell into the river a few years ago. Mr. Newnam served unscathed in the Civil War, dying in Maryland some years later.

Although she is "going on 90," Mrs. Jones gets up at 5:30 a. m. and has an active day. She usually walks some distance to the store, carries the groceries home, puts them down, and then walks further up the road to the home of a daughter (Mrs. Nichols). Her main hobby is tatting (making a kind of knotted lace by winding thread on a shuttle). She has some beautiful examples of this work.

A very devout person, she reads the Bible a great deal and listens to religious broadcasts on the radio. She gives God credit for her long life and remarkable health and strength. She says she has "tried to live right and help others as much as possible." Up until recently, she would often be gone from home all night attending some sick person or otherwise helping those in distress.

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