

# Local Men Play Checker Champion



The largest crowd of checker players in the history of the Tri-Cities attended the exhibition March 5 by Tommy Wiswell, world's unrestricted checker champion.

Demonstrating simultaneous and blindfold playing, Mr. Wiswell played 30 opponents all at the same time. He won 41, drew 8, and lost one game to J. Garland Stegall, of Leaksville.

Checker enthusiasts from Leaksville, Spray, Draper, Reidsville, Ruffin, and Fieldale, Danville, and Collinsville, Virginia, were on hand for the exhibition sponsored by the Checker-Chess Club of the Consolidated Central

YMCA. Mr. Wiswell was introduced by Grover C. Swinney, master of ceremonies. Mr. Swinney a long-time friend of the champion, is an assistant foreman in the Blanket Wool Spinning Department. Mr. Wiswell spent the weekend with the Swinneys.

Players shown above as they played against the champion are, left to right: W. L. Gatewood, Karastan; C. Z. Roberts, Finishing Mill; Mr. Swinney, secretary-treasurer of the Checker-Chess Club; John Conner, Towel Mill Carding; and E. L. Teague, General Office. Mr Wiswell is shown standing at extreme right.

## Wentworth Seniors Make Visit To Mills



Members of an economics class at Wentworth High School are shown in the Nantucket Conference Room during a recent visit to Fieldcrest Mills. The students toured our Quality Control laboratories and the Karastan Rug Mill.

Standing at left is Walter Schacht of the Quality Control Department and

seated in right foreground are Douglas M. Harrelson, history and social science teacher, who was in charge of the group, and J. O. Thomas (extreme right), chairman of the Rockingham County Board of Education and Fieldcrest Mills Personnel Manager, who made arrangements for the students' visit.

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## Good Old Days?

Whenever you hear some backward-looker longing for the "good old days," you might pin him down as to just how "good" they were and ask for facts and figures — or, better yet, supply some facts and figures of your own about today, to refute him.

Suppose, as is likely, he is referring to those days 25 years ago when the U. S. had reached a peak of prosperity that everybody supposed would never be topped. Well, in 1929, the average employee was working a 48.3-hour week. Today he puts in 40 hours a week — and makes three times as much money.

Then, there was but one automobile to every 5½ persons — today, there's one car to every three — and what luxury cars they are! There was but one electric refrigerator to every 65 persons in those "good old days" — today there's one to every four persons.

There was one vacuum cleaner then to every 14 persons — there's one to every five today; one washing machine to every 18 then, vs. one to 4.4 now; one telephone to six persons, one to three now; one radio to 12.8 persons, one to two now — no television, then, one set to every five persons today. Less than 20 million homes had electricity, today 45 million homes have it.

The average family today has more than twice as much insurance and four times as much personal savings now as then. Seventy per cent more kids are in high school, more than two and a half times as many go on to college now as then. Life expectancy is up 12 years — we're living longer, eating better, earning more!

## Service Anniversaries

### THIRTY YEARS

William Dean ..... Finishing  
Robert M. Brim ..... Finishing  
Fred R. Stultz ..... Karastan

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Oakley E. Kestner ..... Sheeting  
Thomas Lee Cochran ..... Synthetic  
Fabrics

### TWENTY YEARS

Alda J. Edwards ..... Bedspread  
Martha A. Pearman ..... Bedspread  
James T. Payne ..... Finishing

### TEN YEARS

Roy V. Perry .... Central Warehouse  
Lee P. Rieson ..... Karastan

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