

Employee To Visit Japan

Josie C. Crowder, a sheet hemmer at the Sheet Finishing Mill, Eden, will leave October 1 for a 10-day visit to Japan to see her newest grandchild. She will be accompanied by her husband, J. H. Crowder, Jr., section foreman in the Bedspread Weave Room.

It will be Mrs. Crowder's first overseas trip but not for Mr. Crowder who was overseas in World War II and who last spring spent four weeks in Switzerland on a business trip for the Company.

The Crowders will fly from Greensboro to Los Angeles via Atlanta. From Los Angeles they will fly to Tokyo on a Japanese airline. They will then go to Kamiseya, where their son, Chief Petty Officer Joseph Crowder, and his family live. The son and daughter-in-law have sight-seeing tours lined up for them.

CPO Crowder, a Morehead High School graduate, has been in the Navy since 1959 and is making a career of the service. He has been stationed in Japan for three years and he and his family earlier lived in Hawaii and Iceland.

Mrs. Joseph Crowder is the former Rosemary Newman,

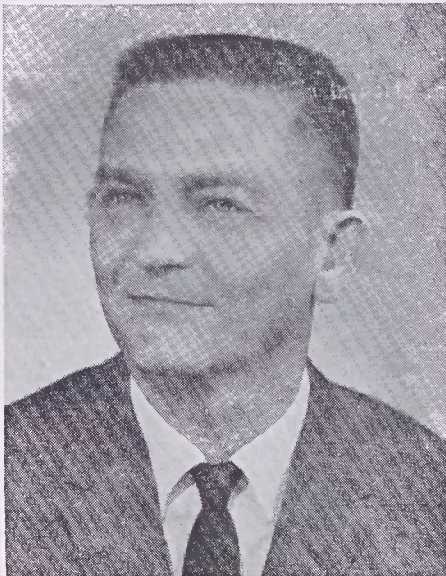


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daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Newman of the Draper section of Eden. Mr. Newman is employed in the Blanket Mill Plant Service Department. CPO and Mrs. Crowder have three children, Tammy, 10, Susanna, 8, and Chris, born June 7.



ROBERT L. MATTHEWS



RALPH R. MURPHY

Two At Bedspread Mill Receive Promotions

The appointment of Robert L. Matthews and of Ralph R. Murphy as assistant foremen in the Bedspread Weave Room has been announced, effective recently.

Mr. Matthews is a native of Rockingham County and was first employed in the Bedspread Weave Room in 1964 as a cloth doffer. He later worked as an overhauler before becoming a loom fixer and was a supervisory trainee before

his promotion to assistant foreman.

Mr. Murphy, a native of Eden, first joined the company at the Synthetic Fabrics Mill in 1953 and worked as a server and later as a fixer in the Preparation Department. He has been at the Bedspread Mill since 1957 and worked through most of the departments at that mill. He was a sample and fabric developer just prior to his promotion to assistant foreman.

Imports Totaled 3.3 Billion Square Yards In 1968

Imports of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles in 1968 reached 3.3 billion square yards, up 28 per cent from 1967 and double the amount in 1963.

The textile balance of payments sank into the red by \$800 million, and approximately 227,000 potential textile jobs—more than \$1 billion in wages—were forfeited.

Nearly 77 per cent of all cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile imports in 1968 came from 10 countries. Japan alone accounted for more than 25 per cent of all imports. Hong Kong was the second largest exporter, accounting for 16 per cent. The next largest was West Germany, accounting for seven per cent of the textile imports.

Greenville Man Lands 135-Pound Tarpon



William "Bill" Stokes, second shift assistant foreman of the Twisting, Winding and Reeling Department at the Karastan Spinning Mill, Greenville, landed the largest tarpon of the season from an ocean pier at Topsail Island.

It took him an hour and a half to land the tarpon which weighed 135 pounds and was six feet, 5½ inches long. Mr. Stokes was using a 6/0 Penn reel with 40-pound test line. He beached the catch about 200 yards from the pier.