

## Weyerhaeuser Highlights

New papermaking technology designed to improve product quality, machine energy efficiency and team productivity will be installed on Plymouth's N.C. 1 linerboard machine. Installation begins November 1 and will require 25 days to complete, according to Fred Williams, paperboard superintendent.

The device to be installed is called ENP, or extended nip press. It improves and increases the paper machine's sheet drying capability by expanding a critical surface called the "nip" by papermakers. It is an area where water is squeezed from the sheet of paper or paperboard.

"Conventional wet pressing involves a series of roll presses to squeeze the water out," says Williams. In the extended nip press we replace one of the rolls with a curved pressure shoe. That gives us a wider, more efficient nip area. The sheet stays under pressure a longer time and we get more water out," Williams concluded.

The ENP technology was developed jointly by Weyerhaeuser and Beloit, a major supplier of machinery and hardware to the pulp and paper industry. The extended nip press for Plymouth is one of three purchased by the company.

"We never like to take down time," says Paperboard Production Manager, Bill Redd, but when we do, we want to make sure we get a payoff like the one we'll get here: improved quality, improved energy efficiency and improved productivity."

Three Weyerhaeuser foresters active in the company's Tree Farm Family program came home winners from the recent Chapel Hill meeting of the N.C. State Tree Farm Committee.

Kathy Curtis and Paul Porterfield, both of New Bern and Mike Beason of Plymouth, were all awarded the Bronze Hard Hat in recognition of their certifying at least 25 tree farms in the National Tree Farm System of the American Forest Institute.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, North Carolina leads the nation in the number of certified tree farms. Weyerhaeuser Company's Tree Farm Family program now includes 750 members.

Chris Smith has been anemnd to the position of Technical Supervisor -- Process Development and Quality Control, replacing Tom Smith, who was recently promoted to the position of Fine Paper Technical Director. Smith has been with the fine paper technical group for several years in a variety of job assignments.

Bobby Holliday has been promoted to the position of Process Development Engineer, succeeding Chris Smith. Holliday has also been with the fine paper technical group for a number of years with his latest assignment being in the area of process control.

Jim Allen will be taking the job of Process Control Technician, replacing Holliday.

"We know that each of these individuals will bring a great amount of expertise to their new areas," said Tom Smith, Fine Paper Technical Director.

Oscar Tice has retired after eleven years service to Weyerhaeuser Company in Plymouth.

## Promoted

Vernon L. Richard, employed by Virginia Electric and Power Company in Norfolk, was recently promoted to senior service coordinator in The Norfolk District Office.

Richard is married to the former Jackie Miller, Route 2, Edenton. The couple resides in Portsmouth, Va.



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