

THE ERWIN CHATTER

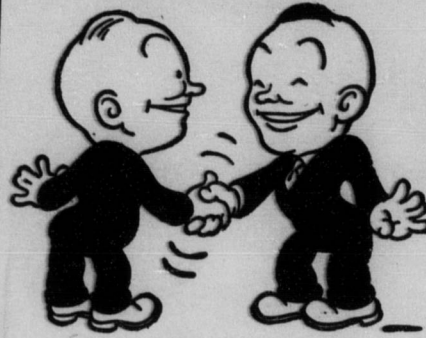
Member of the Southeastern Industrial Editors Association and the International Council Industrial Editors.

Published monthly in the interest of the employees of The Erwin Cotton Mills Company. K. P. Lewis, President; W. H. Ruffin, Vice-President and Treasurer; Carl R. Harris, Vice-President and Assistant Treasurer; Frank T. deVyver, Vice-President and Industrial Relations Director.

Printed at the Rowan Printing Company, Salisbury, N. C.
Coolee Editor.....C. O. McDANIEL
Editor-in-Chief.....H. W. CALVERT

COOLEE REPORTERS

Carding.....	CLAUDIE BOGER, "SAM" BOGER
Spinning.....	VIOLA GARWOOD, THELMA GREGORY, FLOYD BRINEGAR, REBECCA McDANIEL, CAROLYN WHITE, LILLIAN ALEXANDER
Spooling, Warping, Slashing.....	MRS. EMMA R. SPRY, MRS. EMMA HUFFMAN, ZELMA BROOKS, COLEAN SHOAF, LILLIE FLEMING, GENEVA GREGORY
Weaving.....	ELLEN TISE, GRIMES PARKER
Shops.....	WILLIAM OWENS
Cloth, Napping and Packing.....	SARAH BOWLES, FRED TUTTEROW, WILLIE BROWN, RUBY ALEXANDER, MARGARET BAILEY, JANICE EATON
Bleachery and Vat Dye.....	IRENE H. YOUNG
Main Office.....	ELIZABETH HARTLEY
Superintendent's Office.....	HALLENE BECK
Production Office.....	MARGARET SKINNER
Community Reporter.....	HODGE PHIGER, KELLY PAYNE
Warehouse, Shipping, Dyehouse and Outside.....	



Bleachery and Vat Dye

Reporting: JANICE EATON

Mrs. Wilburn Daywalt wishes to thank all the friends and neighbors for the beautiful flowers and cards which she received while in the hospital.

Anyone having any bale straw for sale, please see Willie Pearl McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Campbell are the proud parents of a son born March 10th.

Our sympathy is extended to James Martin Latham since the passing of his father, Frank Latham, of Mocksville, Rt. 2.

Office

Reporting: IRENE H. YOUNG

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Swink, Martha Jean and Julia Anne Benson spent last week-end in Raleigh with Miss Margaret Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl O. (Jake) McDaniel are the proud parents of a daughter, Jean Ellen, born April 1st at Rowan Memorial hospital. This happened to be April Fool's Day as you will note. "Jake" said the only way he was fooled was that she wasn't a boy!

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. James spent the Easter holidays in Star, North Carolina with relatives.

Miss Betsy Bob Holt, student at Katherine Gibbs Secretarial school in New York City, spent the spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McNeely spent the Easter holidays in Mooresville with Misses Mary and Belle McNeely.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perrell have moved into their new home near Woodleaf. Mrs. Perrell was a former employee in the Main Office.

Mr. E. M. Holt spent several days last week in New York on business.

Messers E. M. Holt and J. L. James spent one day last week in Durham on business.

Recent visitors from the Durham office were Messers C. R. Glenn Penland, F. O. Dr. F. T. DeVyver, and Kathryn Freeman.

Machine Shop

Reporting: LEN TISE

We are sorry to lose James C. Tubb, but we wish him good luck at his school.

Richard Tise is seriously ill at home on Watt Street.

The shop force thought they would come to work one day when Richard was standing because Mr. Tise's hour wasn't in, but before they went home they heard that he was out sick with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Spry and James Phelps are very happy since they have received some of their own.

Mr. Benson has our deepest sympathy in the loss of his mother.

Mr. Spry spent the Easter

YOUR REPORTERS SAY...

holidays visiting his son, Marvin, in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Spry spent Easter visiting in Salisbury. We are sorry to hear of the death of C. A. Creason's uncle.

We welcome Abe Howard and Robert Godman to the shop force. Robert says anyone requiring the services of a first class square dance caller to see him.

We wish to thank the shop force for their donations to the American Red Cross.

The Shop reporters would appreciate any help from the shop force in collecting news.

We are sorry to hear C. L. Allen is ill and hope he will soon be able to be back at work.

We all welcome Billy Munday, our new fireman, to the force. We are sorry to hear of the death of his uncle.

We also welcome T. B. Pruitt and Clarence Wood to the shop force.

Spooling, Warping, and Slashing

Reporting: CAROLYN WHITE, LILLIAN ALEXANDER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shoaf! It's a boy, born March 21, and is named Gerald Leroy.

Carolyn White's mother is in

the hospital. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

The first shift had two birthday parties this month. They were for Lorena Nail and Elizabeth Cornatzer.

How did you say you sprained your ankle, Harvey? You have been warned about moving around too fast.

Eva Potts has been out with her mother who is sick. We hope she will soon be well.

Carrie Cornatzer is back at work after being out sick a few days.

Elsie is looking for some material to build a new house for her two black pigs. Why don't you eat them, Elsie, and have no worries?

Mr. Parker has been out sick for the past several weeks. Here's hoping he will soon be well and back with us again.

Also, out on sick leave are: Addie Ridenhour, Dora Berrier, Mary Seaford, Ethel Messick, Adam Lagle, Ola Crotts, Bessie Grubb and Frances Head. We hope they will soon be well and back again.

We extend our sympathy to Carl Baker in the death of his sister, Mrs. Dan Smith of Smith Grove.

Doyle Hoover has a new motor and spends most of his mornings on the river.

George McCarritty says the reason he isn't married is that Roy Athey is still single and Roy has the most "seniority."

We think Ervin Hutchins likes to work over in the Spooler room. He seems to like the "end job."

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Pernel McDaniel who were married March 15th. Mrs. Mc-

(Continued on Page 4)

We Register A Protest

This paper has no sympathy with Communistic philosophy, and we are quite aware of the fact that Russian leaders have failed to cooperate with the other powers towards world peace. However, we are just as much opposed to Nazi philosophy, and we confess to some rising of temperature when every man with an idea is called a Communist. Some of our opponents of Russia have leaned so far backward in an attempt to avoid touching Communism that they have fallen flat into Fascism.

One of the best cartoons which we have seen lately was one in which Uncle Sam and Congress were riding in an auto which had Pro-American in front and Anti-Communism in the rear. The driver has his face turned backward, and is running the car backwards. The caption says: "Couldn't we make better time if we drove forward?" This is our policy. Let's drive forward for the real American way of life; forward for Democratic ideals and practices. If we make Democracy work for our own people we shall set up the most powerful check to Communism that can be devised. A working Democracy will be its own best defense.

One can be positive for something without being offensively aggressive to the opposition. We must remind those who are sounding the war drums that a war with Russia will open the floodgates of Communism throughout the world—if there is any world left. If we enter upon another world war, it will make world war number two look like a Sunday School picnic. So, let's be firm for something, and stop calling the rest of the world bad names. As we have remarked before, riding high horses is extremely dangerous business.

Stop! Look! and Live!

Colonel Hatcher of the North Carolina Highway Patrol is waging a war on highway accidents. He is angry about the whole situation, for with our highway and city traffic casualties mounting daily, one can hardly blame him for "blowing his top" about the evident don't care attitude of those who drive automobiles.

Colonel Hatcher revealed some interesting thoughts and facts at a recent meeting of the Mid-State Safety Council. North Carolina highways are antiquated and the ability to do anything revolutionary about this situation at present is handicapped by lack of labor supply and materials. While the State has a great mileage of paved roads and highways, the highways for the most part were built to accommodate speeds of 35 miles per hour. This is not a criticism of the highway system, but it is a fact that every driver in this State needs to know and to recognize!

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

HOMESPUN

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF AMERICA, WHEN THE FAMILY HAD TO PRODUCE ALMOST EVERYTHING IT USED, CLOTHING THE FAMILY WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR TASKS.



-IT INVOLVED CARDING AND SPINNING, DYEING AND WEAVING AND, FINALLY, THE FASHIONING AND STITCHING OF THE GARMENTS—ALL DONE BY HAND.



THERE IS PROBABLY NO MORE STRIKING EXAMPLE OF AMERICA'S ENERGIES AND GENIUS IN PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION THAN IN THE TRANSITION FROM "HOMESPUN" TO "STORE" CLOTHES. TODAY, CLOTHING IS ON A MASS PRODUCTION BASIS, WITH STYLE AND VALUES CONVENIENTLY AVAILABLE TO ALL FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE LAND.