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Plant One Sets New Record For Production Safety

Plant No. 1 has just completed 15 consecutive months without a single disabling injury. The first eight months of 1947 constituted the number of months that the State-wide Textile Safety Contest was in progress. By completing the contest period without a time losing injury, the plant is in line for receiving a prize winning certificate or trophy from the North Carolina Industrial Commission, who sponsors the contest each year.

If the plant is not the first place winner, at least it will be tied with other plants in the same group for first prize. The only thing which would keep the plant from winning the award would be for some other plant in the same group to have a perfect no lost time record and at the same time have more hours worked.

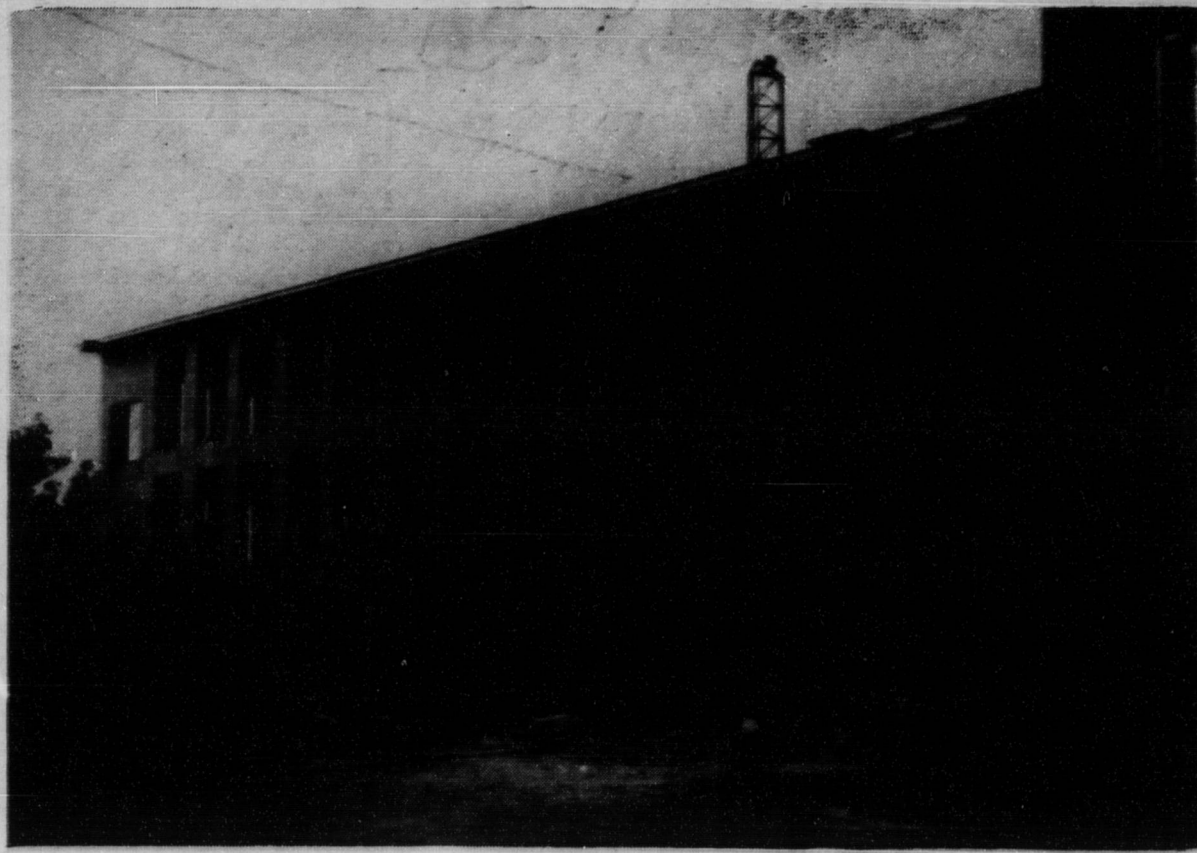
During the first eight months period, Mill No. 1 has worked a total of 517,136 man hours. In this same period, they have had only 13 injuries of such seriousness to require a doctor for treatment.

The last lost time injury for Plant No. 1 was on May 31, 1946. Since then a total of 860,266 man hours have been worked without a time losing injury, and it appears that the supervision and employees have their eyes on 1,000,000 man hours without a lost time injury. In 1946, the plant had three lost time accidents. The employees, safety committees, and supervisors are doing a most commendable job in accident prevention which is proven by the enviable record being made. They are proving that accidents can be eliminated.

A pink elephant, a green rat, and a yellow snake walked into a cocktail bar one afternoon. The bartender looked up, glanced at his watch, and said: "You're a little early, fellows. He hasn't come in yet."



Pictured above is Mr. George Gibson and his two grandsons, Joe Ellis, age six, and Raymond, Jr., age three. The children's daddy, Raymond Gibson, works in the Spinning Room.



The new addition to the Weave Room, which has been under construction for some time now.

Misuse of Air Hose Extremely Harmful

At a manufacturing plant a 16-year-old employee ran a steel splinted into his finger. He extracted it himself and then, to clean out the slight wound, applied an air hose to the opening. The result was that the air got into the tissues of his arm and caused extreme swelling.

Cases of this kind are by no means rare, and some of them have been excruciatingly painful and have caused long periods of disability. The air hose has many practical uses in industry, but disinfecting wounds, cleaning clothes on the person and applying it to other persons are not among them.

Annual Staff for The Indian Echo

The Senior Class of Cooleemee High School began work on this year's annual by electing the following staff:

Miss Charlotte Purcell, advisor; Billie Jean Josey, editor-in-chief; Janet Tatum, business editor; Ann Ridenhour, biographer; Henry Shoaf, sports editor; J. N. Tutterow, advertising editor; Helen Mayberry, picture editor.

The staff has begun work on the annual by choosing the theme and the cover.

UNGRATEFUL

The man had just saved the little boy from drowning and was being questioned by the boy's father. "Are you the man who saved little Johnnie from drowning?"

"Yes, I am."
"Well, where the Sam Hill is his hat?"

GOOD RACKET

"Daddy, if you give me a dime, I'll tell you what the ice man said to Mamma."

"Okay, here's your dime."
"He said, 'Do you want any ice today, lady?'"

STEADY EMPLOYMENT AIDS SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION

Attendance Record

Week Ending August 17, 1947

Finishing No. 3.....	92.29%
Plant No. 3.....	91.55%
Plant No. 2.....	89.34%
Plant No. 6.....	88.06%
Plant No. 4.....	87.39%
Plant No. 1.....	84.89%
Plant No. 5.....	83.58%
Finishing No. 4.....	81.80%

All these percentages are a little lower than last month's. However, some plants climbed nearer the top. The Cooleemee area seems to be hanging on to first place. We are very proud of this attendance. Let's try to keep our attendance hitting in the 90's, and ever better if possible.

Beta Club Members Inducted

A recent meeting was held in the auditorium of the school for the induction of ten new members into the Beta Club. President J. N. Tutterow called the meeting to order and stated why the group had gathered. He then turned the program over to Mr. Price, county superintendent, who talked on the objectives of the Beta Club. The pledge for the new members was given and their certificates were awarded to them as they held lighted candles. The meeting was then adjourned.

A party was given for the members on Wednesday night, September 17.

A smart girl in a crowded bus took advantage of a moment of quietness to say to her companion in a loud voice: "I wish that good looking man would give me his seat." Five homely men stood up.

What is your status under the old-age and survivors insurance program of the Social Security Administration? Do you know whether you are protected for life under that social insurance program?

Wage and salary earners employed by The Erwin Cotton Mills Company, who are in employment covered by the Social Security Act, should be concerned with two primary considerations with respect to the insurance benefits that may be payable in the future. These two considerations are:

1. Maintenance of "fully insured" status. This status is the basis for the monthly benefits payable to the worker and his family when he retires at age 65 or later. It also affords insurance protection for the qualified dependents of a worker who dies at any age.
2. The building up of their potential benefits amounts. This is done through continued employment in jobs covered by the old

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RECREATION NEWS . . .

Story Hour to Begin

The story hour for children will begin Wednesday, September 24, in the library. The hours are from nine till eleven, and all children ages three to six in Cooleemee are invited to come. All materials and refreshments are free. We hope to enroll all the children in the community this year.

Cotton Club Meets

The Cotton Club met with Mrs. C. L. Isley Tuesday night, September 9. Miss Annie Riddle, vice-president, presided in the absence of the president, Miss Jean Deweese.

During the social hour the hostess served an ice course, assisted by Miss Imogene Isley. Mrs. George Milholen of Fayetteville, former member, and Miss Edith Turner of Concord were visitors.

New Books Added To Library

A number of new books have been added to the library. We are glad to have requests for books from our readers. Let us know what you would like to have in fiction and non-fiction.

Rhythm Band To Be Formed

A Rhythm Band is to be organized in the first three grades of Cooleemee School. This group will be directed by Miss Mariola Crawford. The band will be composed of forty children selected from these three grades by Miss Crawford.

At the first meeting of the P.-T. A. the organization of a Rhythm Band was discussed and decided upon as a project for the coming year. The instruments, which will cost about forty dollars, will be donated to the school by the P.-T. A.

The school appreciates this generous gift and is sure that it will be of great advantage to the children.

Tenor soloist: Did you notice how my song filled the church?

Leader: Yes, I noticed several people making room for it, dearie.



Pictured above is the Kaadt Diabetic Clinic in South Whitley, Indiana, where Mrs. R. W. Ridenhour underwent a three-day treatment. She reports that it helped her very much.