

## Twenty-Five Year Club Hears Heaton At Annual Dinner

About one hundred employees of the Erwin Cotton Mills Company attended the annual dinner of the Twenty-Five Year Club held last Saturday evening at six-thirty o'clock at the Cooleme High School.

Dr. Frank T. de Vyver, vice-president and industrial relations director for the Company, presided at the meeting. Following the invocation given by Eugene K. Sedberry, a member of the Club, a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served under the capable direction of Mrs. Hattie Moore, manager of the Riverside Hotel.

Following the dinner, Dr. deVyver introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. George Heaton, pastor of the Myers Park Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C. Dr. Heaton has long been an interested citizen in in-

dustrial relations and social welfare and for several years he has been a speaker at the annual Blue Ridge Conference on Human Relations in Industry. He took for this theme in his address, "Credit Where Credit Is Due."

Each year new members of the Club are presented with 25-Year Club pins and following the address of Dr. Heaton, Carl R. Harris, Vice-President and Assistant Treasurer of the Company, made a few remarks on behalf of the Company regarding the appreciation of the loyalty shown by the group. He then presented each new member with a pin carrying the insignia of the Club. New members were Miss Audrey Messick, Mrs. Elizabeth Cornatzer, Mrs. Biddie W. Hendrix, Messrs. Nathan M. Beck, Samuel L. Carter, Ross C. Cornatzer, William Howard, Charlie E. Milholen, Willie A. Smith, and James M. Trexler.

Long a popular member of the Cooleme community and now a member of the central administrative staff of the Company in Durham, E. M. Holt, former Cooleme manager, was next presented by Dr. deVyver. Mr. Holt, who is now assistant to the president in charge of the plant, is for all the Erwin community, himself carrying on the tradition of such service to the community by the group gathered here for the progress and welfare of the country.

Following Mr. Holt's remarks, the group adjourned with the singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

## Operating Schedule For Christmas Week

Due to Christmas coming on Thursday this year, it has been difficult to arrive at an operating schedule that would work best for the employees and at the same time enable the mills to operate as much time as possible during Christmas week. However, after giving this careful consideration, the Company has decided to change the running time for Christmas to a schedule which we hope will more nearly suit our employees' convenience. It is asked that employees please disregard the notice posted December 5.

The new schedule for Christmas week is as follows: Plants will close down for the Christmas holidays Wednesday night, December 24, at midnight at the end of the second shift. The mills will start up on the third shift at midnight Sunday, December 28.

The mills will pay off on Wednesday, December 24. The third shift will have to be paid at the time the first shift is paid off as it is not possible to have the payroll ready Tuesday night.

This change in the operating schedule reduces by one day the original plans of running for Christmas week, and due to the urgent need of cloth to fill orders it is most important and management hopes that everyone will be on the job during the time that the plants are operating.

All mills will operate full time next week including New Year's Day, and all work performed on New Year's Day will be paid at the rate of time and one half.

## Recreation Center

J. L. James, manager, formally announced today that it is his desire to convert the beautiful manager's home and spacious grounds into a Community Center, for the recreation and enjoyment of every boy and girl and man and woman of Cooleme. A swimming pool will be built and the Park Hill playground equipment will be moved to the grounds. The Library will also be transferred to the building.

Rooms will be available for the use of clubs, committee meetings, and various community activities. There will be a full time director who will supervise and plan programs suitable to the needs of the entire family. He will be assisted by the personnel necessary to carry out these activities.

It is hoped, said Mr. James, that work on the remodeling of the building and the building of the swimming pool will start in the very near future and that the new recreational program will get under way in the spring of 1948.

## High School Glee Club Gives Christmas Cantata

The Cooleme High School Glee Club presented a cantata, "The Shepherd's Christmas," on Sunday, December 7 in the school auditorium. The production was under the direction of Miss Frances Stroud.

There are seventy-one members in the Glee Club. Soloists for the cantata were Ann Ridehour, Irene Spry, and Bob Jordan. Miss Marieta Crawford was accompanist.

## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Max



Christmas... peace, of fellowship and of good will.

## Lion's Club Fetes Football Squad

The Lion's Club entertained the Cooleme High School football squad at a lavish dinner and social on Tuesday night, December 9. The entertainment included talks by Lions Jenkins Pierce and Kavanaugh in addition to moving pictures of the Catawba College eleven playing the Tangerine Bowl against Lenoir-Rhyne College. Mr. Caldwell of Catawba presented the film along with comments of explanation for the pictures and discussed their chances for another victory this season in the same bowl for the Indians.

The evening's festivities were appropriately closed by Coach Sinclair presenting the members of the squad with athletic award certificates. Coach Sinclair also read the team record expressed the appreciation of the school and the team for the work the Lions had done in helping promote the renewal of football in the community.

The football team, represented by Hayden Benson with a surprise gift of a new set of 1948 license plates for his automobile plus money to buy tags for his automobile trailer. Benson also expressed the team's appreciation of the banquet given them by the Lions.

Game records for the 1947 season are: Stoneville—13, Cooleme—23; Mills Home—14, Cooleme—0; Flat Rock—12, Cooleme—12; Landis—13; Cooleme—6; Randleman—0, Cooleme—0; Stoneville—6, Cooleme—14; Jonesville—20, Cooleme—16; Mills Home—6, Cooleme—13; Mocksville—13, Cooleme—15. Cooleme won 3, lost 3 and tied 3.

## Many Improvements for Schools Planned

Commissioners have announced plans on the needs for all schools in the County. The groups has made plans for essential buildings and equipment to provide minimum standards for the school children of the County and to meet the problem of overcrowded and unwholesome conditions now existing. Action is being taken on results of a survey and upon requests from interested citizens.

The Cooleme School is to have a gymnasium with dressing rooms, first aid room, library, home economics department improvements, new equipment in industrial shop, lunch room improvements, class rooms, and improved toilet facilities. The elementary school alterations included additional toilet facilities, rework heating plant, and equipment for all structures.

The Cooleme Colored School will have additional classrooms, lunch room facilities, toilet facilities, auditorium and equipment.

Other schools in the County are to have similar improvements and additions.

### DON'T

- Scrawl "Butch and Betsy" on a formal engraved card.
- Address or sign a card: "Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman and family."
- Send late Christmas cards. For those few that must be late, extend your wishes on a New Year's greeting.
- Economize on postage. Send less expensive cards if you wish, but send them.

## Girl Scouts Celebrate Eighth Anniversary Here

The Girl Scouts celebrated the Eighth Anniversary of Girl Scouting in Cooleme, Thursday, November 20, Mrs. C. L. Isley gave a brief history of Scouting in America and then conducted a Quiz on the subject. Norma Ruth White and Jean Athey tied for first prize.

Following this, the Brownies and Scouts were asked to guess the number of seeds in a pumpkin. Those receiving prizes for guessing nearest the correct number were Betty Sue Blackwood, Inez Nichols, Joyes Ann Fields, and Norma Ruth Killian.

A lovely cake decorated in green and yellow (Scout colors) with eight candles was cut and served by Mrs. C. W. Shepherd. Mrs. Isley served ice cream.

Those present were: Ann Webb, Ann Nichols, Ryla Nichols, Betty Sue Blackwood, Ellen Tatum, Roberta Shepherd, Norma Ruth White, Jean Athey, Dolly Milholen, Shirley Call, Gardenia Gibson, Faye Howell, Janet Miller, Susie Webb, Betty Carnes, Frances Wanda, Kay Webb, Sylvia Sue Dayvault, Inez Nichols, Jeanne Booe, Shelby Jean Foster, Joyce Ann Fields, Ruby Bowles, Malinda Osborne, Norman Ruth Killian, Mrs. Isley and Mrs. Shepherd.

## Local Churches Collect Clothes for Europe

Local citizens have been more than generous with relief bundles for European relief. This month Mrs. Sam Carnes shipped 216 pounds of clothing to the United Council of Churches at New Windsor, Md. where the clothing will be baled and shipped overseas. Mrs. Carnes is chairman of the local relief group.

Unlike former bundles of clothing shipped, the recent shipment was made up of packages containing a definite number of requested articles.

## Christmas 1947

This is once more the Christmas season—a time when all people of good will temporarily lay aside the cares and worries of everyday living, and rejoice on this great holiday with their friends and loved ones. May it ever be thus.

I have come to welcome this annual opportunity of greeting all of you in the Erwin Family, wherever you may be. I have said before, and I repeat, that the growth of the Company, of course, makes it a physical impossibility to extend my greetings in person. I regret