

THE ERWIN CHATTER

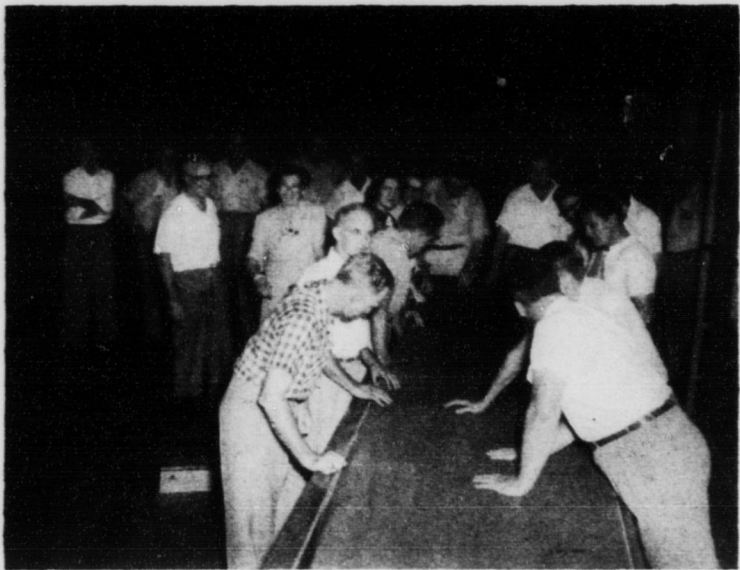
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OPEN HOUSE AT PLANT NO. 8



Visitors inspect cloth laid out on the 90 foot cutter's table in Stonewall during an Open House for business and professional men and women of Clarke County, Mississippi. W. H. Ruffin, President of Erwin Mills, and M. R. Harden, Superintendent of Plant 8, were hosts to the group of 30 visitors. Many of them knew the mills before our Company completed the huge modernization program and they were astonished by the great improvements that have been made.

VOTE AS YOU PLEASE BUT VOTE!

Wednesday, October 1 will be an election day for most of us at Erwin Mills. There will be three choices on the ballot—No Union, AFL and CIO. You have the right to choose whatever you want. The most important thing for you to do is *vote*.

In order for the election results to speak for the majority of Erwin Mills employees, everyone should vote his or her personal choice.

Don't let "the other fellow" do the voting. Take time off your job to do your share in this election. The Company has assured you that your earnings will not suffer when you take time off the job to vote.

The polls will be open long enough so that everyone, no matter what shift he is on, can vote. The ballot will be secret and the election is to be supervised by the National Labor Relations Board. The NLRB does not take sides on the question. It is their job to see that the election is honest and representative of the majority of the workers.

We are all familiar with groups where a few people do most of the work and usually control the group. This is not majority rule and it could happen here at Erwin Mills unless every qualified voter does his share by voting. It's the majority of people *who vote* in this election that decides the winner; not the majority of all employees. Vote as you please on October 1 but **VOTE!**



HELEN FIELDS, "MISS DURHAM BULL OF 1952," daughter of Cauley and Lillie Fields, No. 4 Spinning Room. Helen represented the "Bulls" in the Carolina League Beauty Contest in July. She is a senior at Durham High School.



COTTON TRUCKERS HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS TOO! While delivering cotton to our Durham warehouse, this truck slipped off the road and bogged down in mud with fifty bales of cotton weighing about 25,000 pounds. The wrecker had to be chained to a tree to keep from slipping backwards as it pulled out the truck.



HOW A LOOM WORKS demonstrated by Earsie Matthews, No. 5 Beaming & Slashing. Carl Matthews and Ray Caldwell of Erwin built the model to show the principles of weaving. The harness moves to form a shed. Drop wires, heddles and reeds are exact miniatures of those on a real loom. Carl Matthews is Overseer in No. 2 Beaming & Slashing. Ray Caldwell is Assistant Overseer in No. 2 Beaming & Slashing.

Letters from Overseas

Dear Editor:

I would like to send in my change of address for "The Erwin Chatter." I enjoy getting The Chatter while I am overseas.

Here is a picture of me you can put in The Chatter. I worked in Plant No. 4 on the 2nd shift before coming to the Navy. I was in the Spinning Room.

Yours truly,
 Charles W. Harton S.A.
 U.S.S. Henry E. Hubbard DD748
 c/o F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.



Dear Editor:

I have been receiving "The Erwin Chatter" since I was in Korea and I'd like to express my thanks to you. I, like any other serviceman, enjoy things that make us feel closer to home, and "The Erwin Chatter" does just that.

My address has been changed to New York, N. Y., and I thought it best that I inform you so I may receive the paper as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,
 Brinson W. Cannada, ICFN
 4971195 E. Division,
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 c/o F.P.O., New York, N. Y.



WINS QUIZ CONTEST. Ralph Carrington, Overseer in No. 4 Weaving, received the \$35.00 First Prize at the Mid-State Safety Council meeting August 22 in Burlington. Ralph won a quiz show over 80 contestants, fourteen from Erwin Mills. The quiz questions were about safe working conditions, safe working habits and first aid. Ralph received his prize from Mr. Hinton, Personnel Director of Celanese Lanese Corporation of Burlington.