



IN FEBRUARY Estelle T. Cooper of Spinning received of General Manager Harold Mercer her watch for 20 years of service. On hand to add a word of congratulation was James M. Cooper, chief engineer of Methods and Standards.

SELLS THEM FOR PETS

Yarn Packer Raises Ring-Necked Pheasants

A yarn packer in Sales Winding finds rich rewards in raising ring-necked pheasants on his little farm out behind Boger Mountain. Ernest Meek, for the past three years employed as a packing and banding machine operator here, got a start with his interesting hobby when he set a Bantam hen on pheasant eggs about three years ago. From that "hatching" he began with two birds. Once since that time he had more than 100 birds on hand. Last spring there were 42. On a recent count, he had 30.

Along with his pheasants, Mr. Meek has "sort of accidentally" acquired two wild doves and a dozen Bantam chickens. The

doves were rescued from a nest in a tree near the Meek acreage and given a home. These birds have become so well adjusted to their feathered neighbors that they give no evidence of wishing to fly back into the wild.

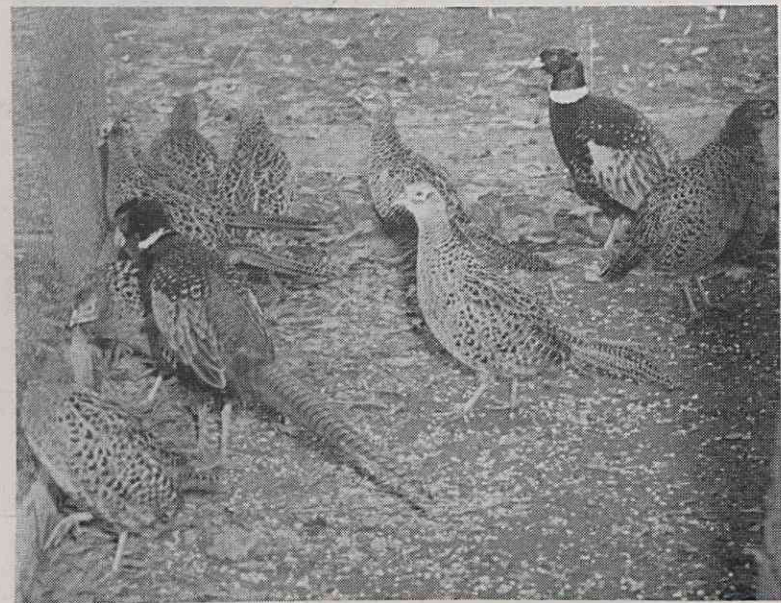
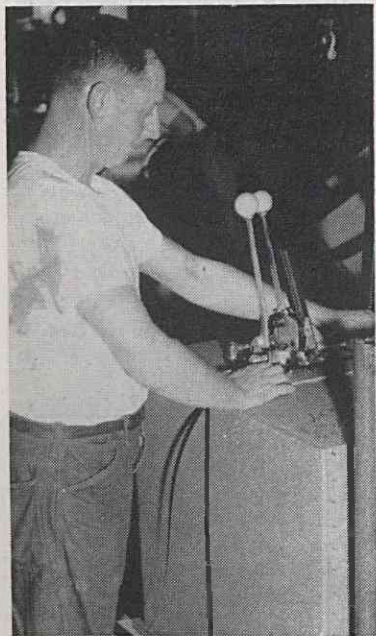
RAISING ring-necked pheasants can be a paying enterprise as well as an interesting pastime, says Mr. Meek.

"Of course you've got to figure closely on your operating expenses and look out for a market for the birds you produce," he explains. "Too, you always have to consider that living things are subject to disease—and there are ailments peculiar to pheasants."

The fowl which Mr. Meek raises are produced from eggs incubated under his Bantam hens since pheasants hens do not set very well. The pheasants go through three feather-shedding stages before they are fully grown. Once the females begin to produce, they pretty consistently stay on the job every day from around mid-April through August.

One feature of Mr. Meek's interesting hobby is the history of

Ernest Meek, Sales Yarn Winding, has been raising ring-necked pheasants for three years. With him here are some of the beautifully-plumed fowl. Of these native Chinese birds the cock has the colorful ring around the neck.



SERVICE MILESTONES

One More At 20-Year Mark; Others Have Long Records

The years flew by almost as fast as the motion of the spindles, leaving Estelle T. Cooper eager to work well into her second score of years at the plant here. When she was honored in February for her 20 years of service, she became the 277th person at the Gastonia plant to reach this distinguished milestone.

As Mrs. Cooper received her gold watch and lapel pin, there were seven others who were awarded service pins for 15-year records. Several, too, were added to the ten and five-year lists.

The February roster:

Fifteen Years

Rayon Twisting: Leonard Green, Andrew J. Webb; Rayon Weaving: Ralph W. Myers, Blanche E. Hovis, Pauline Stroupe; Shop: Robert H. Har-

mon; Warehouse; McBrie Sanders.

Ten Years

Carding: James T. Helms, Ida I. Welch; Spooling: Addie W. Deaton; Rayon Twisting: Harlan E. Butler; Rayon Weaving: William L. Tench, Jr.; Cotton Weaving: Rose B. Dodgen.

Five Years

Carding: Hoyt W. Benton; Spinning: Clinion B. Myers; Rayon Twisting: Howard J. Gibbie, Hovort Mann, Jr., Doris M. Wall, J. C. Mahaffey, James Moses, Jr., Dillard R. Palmer, Herman H. Hughes; Shop: Cramer McDaniel; Winding: Ethel L. C. Neal; Main Office: Cornelia McCarver.

Looks like Nature is bent on making us work. The less hair we have to comb, the more face we have to wash.



Beckham-Fowler

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Fowler, Jr., are at home in Gastonia, after their recent marriage in Bradley Memorial Methodist Church here.

Mrs. Fowler is the former Miss Maude Beckham, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Beckham, Spooling. Miss Fowler is a graduate of Burton Junior College and is now employed in the office of the clerk of court in Gastonia.

Her husband was educated in Mount Holly schools, the University of North Carolina, and the school of law at UNC.



RECREATION LEADERS MEET

Firestone was host to 25 members of the board of directors of the North Carolina Recreation Society, at a quarterly meeting here in February. Attending the two-day business session at the Recreation Center were recreation leaders from every section of the state, representing business and industry, municipalities, churches, schools, hospitals and the armed forces.

Here, reviewing notes from the meeting are (front row, from left): Miss Mae Crandall, Mooresville, past president of the Society; Miss Mable Smith, Greensboro, current secretary, and (back row, from left): James S. Stevens, Jr., Raleigh, NCRS president; Lonnie Powell, Raleigh, treasurer; Ralph Johnson, Firestone recreation director and president-elect of the Society; and Bert Gillette, Wilson, current vice president.

The next meeting of the group will be held in July at Thomasville.

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