



## MILL OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY IS CONTRASTED

Writer In First Article Tells of  
Chatham Plant As It Was  
Back In 1924

### IN TWO INSTALLMENTS

By **ROXIE E. BOWEN**

February 18, 1924. How many remember that date? The Finishing Department was moved to Winston-Salem. Oh, yes, we remember. Now we must forget we have ever been inside a blanket mill and we are ready for our first casual visit to the Chatham Blanket Mills three weeks later.

In Elkin, we enter a long room: noise, machines or looms going slap-bang, men and women shouting to one another, boxes on rattling iron wheels being pushed all over the room. It is impossible to hear what our guide is saying, so we pass along and look. There are girls, women and men standing at these looms, some seem to be working, others are interested in their appearance, powdering their noses, some surely do not use the mirror; the floor just the average mill floor as to cleanliness. Threads are slowly unwinding off a long beam passing thru the loom where something is flying back and forth, shuttles, we are told later, and cloth is winding on another beam. We go out of this room, the guide has told us lots that we could not hear and all we know is that this is the weave room.

As we go from room to room we are told that this is our carding room, this the spinning room, this the dyeing house, and so forth, but all we can make of it is, that wool and cotton is going thru one kind of machine, then another and at last making thread which is wound on beams, shuttles, and bobbins and carried to the noisy room. Of course we remember the odor of the dye house, where great tubs or vats are full of cotton and wool being dyed many different colors. Also the piles of dirty cotton and wool on the floor in the stock room.

We are carried over a crooked road for forty-eight miles and arrive in Winston-Salem.

Our guide enters a room but we pause at the door, maybe he's getting a boat, but he turns and tells us to be very careful how we walk lest we should fall and

## Winston Mill



The above picture shows the destruction of the trees in front of the Winston Mill during the recent sleet.

## MILL PLANNING FOR ATHLETICS

Plans Being Perfected For League  
Ball Team For Both  
Factories

The Chatham Mills, of Elkin and Winston-Salem are planning to have a big Athletic Program for their employees for the coming year. Plans are being perfected for a league base ball team for both factories, aside from other athletic events for the whole mill. An Athletic Association will be formed with the following officers: Elkin: director, Gavin Dortch; assistant director, H. T. Hambricht; secretary - treasurer, Dorothy Penfield. Winston-Salem: director, Bob Hartness; assistant director, Harry Daurheim; secretary-treasurer, Agnes McDaniel. Plans are to fix a play ground near the mills and have games for the oldest to the youngest employee to play. They hope to have departmental tournaments in Tennis, Volley Ball, Soft Ball and Horse Shoe Pitching.

we wade in. Hot, soapy water all over the floor. Our guide raises the lid on a big case-of-a-looking machine. Yards and yards of cloth are rolling around and around in a soapy water, then they turn out the soapy water, run in clean and rinse the cloth.

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## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. McHARGUE

Died At Home In West Elkin Following 2 Weeks' Illness Of  
Pneumonia

Mrs. Elizabeth William McHargue, 87, affectionately known as "Granny McHargue", passed away in the early hours of the morning of March 10th, at her home in West Elkin following a two weeks' illness of pneumonia and complications due to advanced age.

She was a native of Alleghany county and had resided in Elkin for 30 years or more. Her husband, Johnathan Ross McHargue, preceded her in death about 13 years ago. Since his death she had resided with a daughter, Mrs. Amanda Burcham. Other surviving children are Mrs. L. M. Masten and Chester McHargue, of Elkin. One sister surviving is Mrs. Eunice Scott, of Wilkes County.

The deceased was a member of the First Baptist church of Elkin and a saintly, Christian woman.

The funeral rites were conducted from the home and Pleasant Hill Baptist church by Rev. J. W. Bryant, pastor and Rev. Eph Whisenhunt, pastor of the First Baptist church of Elkin. Interment was in the family plot in the church cemetery beside the mound of the husband who preceded her in death.

## WILLIAM MASTEN WAS IN SERVICE ABOUT 50 YEARS

Loyal Employee, Now Deceased,  
Was A Wonderful Judge of  
Human Nature

### PASSES AT AGE OF 92

By **HENRY DOBSON**

Upon orders from Mr. Neaves the writer reported to his office for his first day's work with Chatham Manufacturing Company on the morning of March 3rd, 1921, and it was at this time that he had the pleasure of meeting Uncle William Masten. It was several minutes before time to go to work and Mr. Neaves had not yet arrived so I seated myself on a bag of wool some distance from the crowd which had gathered around Uncle William. It turned out that he was holding court and was trying a member of the wool room force who was, of course, convicted, turned down over a wool bag and the judge himself administered what I termed to be a severe lashing. Mr. Neaves soon came in and I was told to wait for awhile. This "while" turned out to be all day so I spent the time with Uncle William. He gave me the history of all the officials of the company, invariably winding up by saying "He's alright, I hauled the dirt it took to make him."

Uncle William was among the first to join the forces of Lee in the struggle between the North and South. He fought for what

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## Death Claims Mrs. Elizabeth Bauguess

Mrs. Elizabeth Bauguess passed away on Sunday, March 4th, at her home near Traphill. Mrs. Bauguess had been in ill health for some time and her death was not unexpected.

She is survived by one son, W. H. Bauguess, of Pennsylvania, and two daughters, Mrs. Till Gambill of Elkin, and Mrs. Mary Wishon of Traphill.

Funeral services were conducted from the home with Rev. Grant Cothren in charge. Interment followed in the family plot near the home.