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#### **NEW WAREHOUSE** IS NOW IN USE

First Step in Actual Moving Is Made When Six Carloads of Blankets Stored in Elkin

The first step in the actual moving of the Chatham Manufacturing company plant from Winston-Salem to Elkin took place on Monday, August 14, when six carloads of blankets were shifted over the new siding to the new warehouse, which has been completed. Other carloads of blankets are being stored at the present time.

The blankets are being moved to Elkin at this early date due to the fact that the storage space in Winston-Salem is needed. Thousands of blankets have been stored there in the large tobacco warehouses, and with the early opening this year of the tobacco market, the blankets had to be moved out.

Although the new warehouses in Elkin are only about onethird completed, sufficient space is available to safely store a large number of blankets, and work goes forward rapidly upon the remainder of the buildings. When completed, they will have a huge storage capacity. It is expected that the entire new plant will be ready for operation by the first of the year. It has been said by those in charge of the construction that all outside work on the buildings should be completed within the next sixty days.

Mr. James Poindexter, mayor of Elkin, on the eve of the moving of the first blankets to the new warehouse, said:

"This is the best thing that has ever happened to the little town of Elkin and we are so proud that today marks the home-coming of the thing that we have long hoped for and looked for. As Mayor of Elkin, and on behalf of the people of my town, we welcome the Chatham Manufacturing Company and all the good people who will come with it.'

We have sympathy for the editor of a weekly newspaper who published the following notice: "Owing to the lack of space and the rush of editing this issue, several births and deaths will be postponed until next week."

Mr. C. J. Hyslup left Tuesday for a week's vacation. He will spend some time in Asheville while away.

## Preachers Who Work in Elkin Plant



Although few people realize it, among the employees of the Elkin plant are eleven preachers, pictured above, who in addition to performing their duties there in satisfactory manner, also do good work in their respective communities as religious leaders.

# Eleven Preachers Are Elkin Mill Employees

This Group Not Only Does Good Work for Company, But Are Doing Good Work in Their Respective Communities As Leaders in Religious Life

Few people realize that within ment, East Elkin Baptist church, the Elkin plant there is a group Bean Shoals Baptist church and of employees who are widely known for the good work that they are doing in their respective communities. This group is composed of eleven employees who are preachers. These men in addition to their daily work in the plant are leaders in the religious life of the communities in which they live. Probably there is no other large manufacturing company in the country which can boast such a group.

These men carry on their good work in the plant and after leaving and on Sundays pursue their other vocations. A large share of praise should be given them for the splendid work which they are doing for the welfare of the employees and others in their communities.

The preachers and the churches under their direction are as fol-

Mountain View Baptist church; Lloyd Pardue, Spinning Department, Macedonia, White Plains, Liberty Grove, and Sweet Hall Baptist churches; W. Frank Weatherman, Card Room, Mt. Carmel and New Life Baptist churches; Richard Day, Card Room, Henshaw Street Baptist church, North Wilkesboro, and Calvary Baptist church, Mt. Airy; Cleet W. Simmons, Weave Room, North Oak Ridge and Swaim's Baptist churches; D. G. Reece, Card Room, Rockford Baptist church; John H. Luffman, Weave Room, David W. Day, Weave Room, New Little Elkin Baptist church; county, and New Hope Baptist Hope Baptist church, Iredell church, Surry county; Claude Flincham, Warp Room, Dewey Simmons, Spinning Department, and T. G. Baugus, Weave Room, preach regularly but do not have J. L. Powers, Spinning Depart- permanent appointments.

### **GUIDE SERVICE** IN ELKIN PLANT

T. C. U. Club Responsible for Showing Visitors Over Mill; Guest Book Is Kept

Starting on August 7 a regular guide service for visitors was started in the Elkin plant, and members of the T. C. U. Club have become responsible for showing visitors through the plant. A guest book in which visitors must register is kept in the office, and after registering arrangements are made for one of the club members to escort them through the various departments and to explain the work done in each department.

Many visitors have been shown through the plant since the service has been made available.

During the past two weeks visitors have registered from the following states: Illinois, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Indiana, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and North Carolina.

## Commissioner of Labor Is Speaker

Mr. Forrest H. Shuford, State Commissioner of Labor, was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the T. C. U. Club Monday night. A rather large audience, which included members of the club and foremen of the plant, enjoyed

Mr. Shuford's speech.
"My first thought," stated Mr. Shuford, "was to speak of safety in industry, but after a visit through your plant I find that

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### All in This Country Could Go for Rides

The United States has enough automobiles to take every man. woman and child for a comfortable ride at the same time, according to figures released by the Bureau of Public Roads.

The Bureau listed 29,485,680 automobiles in operation last year, with 1,085,422 trailers and 108,541 motorcycles. American automobiles used nearly twentyone and a half billion gallons of gasoline in 1938, the average tax various state governments \$771,of four cents a gallon netting the 764,000, and registration and inspection fees totalling \$388,825,-