



## TEAMS OPEN CAGE SEASON

**Girls Win Double Header from Drayton But Boys Lose in Games at Spartanburg**

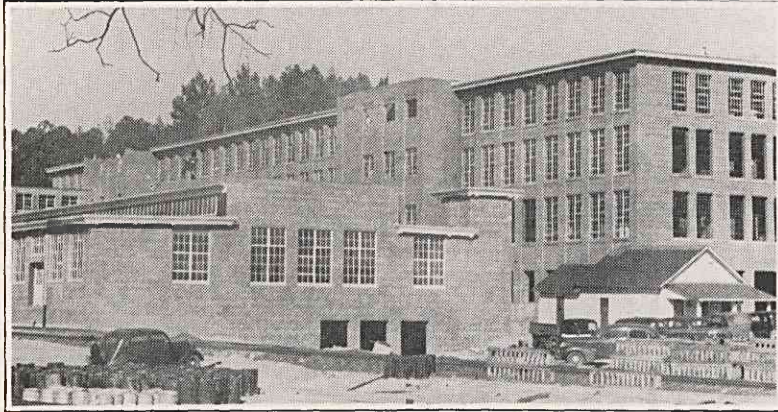
The Chatham girls' and boys' basketball teams opened the season Friday night, Dec. 1, in Spartanburg, S. C., where they met the strong Drayton teams in a double header. The girls team won both games and the boys lost to the strong boys' team. The girls' team lost three of its former players this season. Aldie Bid-dix Odom, Cleo Petree and Myrtle Reavis. Odum and Reavis joined the strong Hanes Hosiery Mill team. Four new players have been added to the squad to fill these vacancies. Pete Amburn and Helen Doub, former members of the Northwest Championship team, of Boonville, Nell Snoddy, of Westfield, and Louise McGhee, of Wallburg, are the new members. McGhee formerly played with Silvers in the City League of Winston-Salem. The following complete the squad: Mildred and Babe Poole, Ann Lineback, Maurice Gordan, forwards, Jennie and Jannie Sherrill, Katherine Whitener, Dot Samuels and Leva Smith, guards. This team, dressed in flashy new suits, looked good against the strong Drayton team and chances look favorable for another Southern Textile Championship. Several games have been scheduled against strong teams for the season. The home games will be played in Elkin after Christmas.

The boys' team is composed of players from both Elkin and Winston plants. The following boys made up the group going to Spartanburg: Ab Crater, Dan Eldridge, Roy Boles and George Stockton of the Elkin plant; Jim Merrill, E. D. Lane, George Petree and Bill Dixon of the Winston plant. Coach Plaster hopes to put out a winning boys' team following the uniting of the two plants in Elkin.

Ed Maxwell, a former member of the Chatham team, now with Spindale, played with the team on Saturday night.

Mrs. James Booher was called to her home in Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 7, due to the sudden death of her father, Mr. Slack. We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Booher.

## Plant Nears Completion



The Wet Finishing and the Finishing plant nears completion at Elkin. The entire unit will be completed around the first of January and the Winston plant will be moved to Elkin following the completion of the building.

## Old Letters Tell of Toll Taken By River In 1916

**Were Written by the Late John Roth to Members of His Family During Flood of 1916 When Practically the Entire Lower Part of Elkin Was Swept Away by Yadkin River**

Mr. John Roth was for many years head of the finishing and shipping departments at the old mill in Elkin. He was a brother of Captain G. T. Roth and spent many years with our Company. At the time of the great flood in Elkin, his daughter, Miss Mar-jorie Roth, (now Mrs. A. S. Kennickell, of Winston-Salem) was a patient in a High Point hospital. Mrs. John Roth was there with her. The two letters here-with reproduced were kindly loaned us by Mrs. Kennickell. They are an interesting record of a sad event in the Company's history.

Parts of a letter written by Mr. John S. Roth, of Elkin, to his wife during the 1916 flood.

Elkin, N. C.  
July 17, 1916

I will write you a letter and will try to get it off on first opportunity as all transportation is embargoed on the railroad so I have but only one way and that is to catch someone going to Mt. Airy and mail it from there. I am afraid you have already heard bad reports of Elkin and its surroundings and they are very bad,

which is true, but yet we are thankful it was no worse. Our bottom is half gone. Uncle Gill is still more damaged than us. You remember about 15 or 18 years ago, our cow Babe died, and we buried her in the bottom, this side of where the tomato rows were. Well, the river washed all the earth away and left her carcass exposed. The river was 8 feet higher than the September fresh of 1898. I don't know whether I will be able to give you the details just here but I will try commencing with the Mills. The damage is estimated at \$100,000. We will not be able to get started if everything goes at its best under two months. Every Warp in the mill is lost. Looms covered with mud one half way of the Looms. It will take the whole force of 100 men whom we secured Monday morning all this week and next to get the mud out. We have them divided into four squads. Mason has one squad, Charlie Billings, one squad, Raymond one and me another squad and have 11 two-horse wagons moving the wool shoddy

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## ABERNETHY IS T. C. U. SPEAKER

**Local Druggist Contrasts First Thanksgiving of Pilgrims with That of Today**

The feature of the program for the pre-Thanksgiving session of the T. C. U. Club was a talk on Thanksgiving by Dr. J. G. Abernethy, Elkin druggist. Dr. Abernethy contrasted the first Thanksgiving of the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1621 when a day of prayer and praise for the small blessings of a meagre harvest was set apart, with the Thanksgiving of today when we have so much for which to be thankful.

After reviewing the hardships of those Pilgrim Fathers after they disembarked from the Mayflower in 1620 and established a settlement, Dr. Abernethy gave a comprehensive word picture of Plymouth, the oldest town in New England.

At their meeting last Monday night the club members adopted a new constitution. Since the adoption of the first constitution about a year ago many changes have taken place concerning the club, and the members felt that this necessitated a new constitution. The constitutional committee, headed by Walter Worth, re-wrote the old constitution making the necessary changes and presented their work to the club members.

## MAKES TALK TO L. H. C. CLUBS

Mr. Albert Butler, Jr., spoke to the members of the Lucy Hanes Chatham club Tuesday, Nov. 21, on his recent trip to Europe. He spoke of the trip on the boat and the different countries that he visited in Europe. Post card pictures of his trip made the talk even more interesting.

Mrs. Addie Carroll had charge of the meeting. During the business meeting plans were completed for the helping of a family for Thanksgiving and committees were appointed to make plans for the Christmas party.

Miss Emaline Neaves attended the Yale-Harvard football game in Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 25. While away she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harvey in Boston, Mass. She also visited in the home of Mrs. Hartley Lord, Kennebunk, Me.