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**Helpful Hints From
 The Switchboard**

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The object of this article is to develop a better telephone technique throughout the mill, and to help the operator at the switchboard.

Of course, I realize I am no authority on "technique," but I've learned a few things "the hard way" that I think will be of great help.

For instance, when answering the phone, if the voice is to be clear and distinct, the speaker must talk into the mouth piece. If you hold the mouth piece to the side of the face or too far from the mouth it causes blurred speech, and remember you don't have to shout. A loud voice is much more difficult to understand, than just your regular speaking voice. If your telephone is in a noisy room, you will be able to hear the person on the other end of the line by placing your hand over the mouth piece, rather than over your ear, when he is speaking.

If you place a long distance call, stay "put" for at least ten minutes. In that length of time the operator can either complete your call or give you some information on it. Be sure and let the operator know if you have to go to another part of the mill while call is pending. Inform operator when leaving building and approximate time of return, and of any important calls expected.

If while talking on long distance call, you are disconnected, call the switchboard, tell the operator, then hang up the receiver and wait for her to get your party on the line. Sometimes it only takes a few seconds to make connections on a cut off, then again it may take two or three minutes. But if you sit holding the receiver, there is no possible way to connect you again.

In the next issue of the Blanketeer, I want to give you an estimate of the outgoing calls from our switchboard. I wish I could give you the in-coming calls, but there is no way of checking those.

Good Instruction

The owner of a large factory to a new employee: "Did my foreman tell you what you will have to do?"

New Man: "Yes, sir. He told me to wake him up whenever I see you coming."

Record Catch



A. Dockery and Beach Bell caught this large number of fish from the flood waters following the flood of August 14. Shown with them are Kenneth and Crawford Dockery, and Peggy Bell, sons and daughter of Messrs. Bell and Dockery.

AROUND THE MILL

NAPPING DEPT.

A Shift

Girls, doesn't this weather make you want to get out and warm up that ole hop? You know fall of the year is just around the corner and so is football and basketball season.

Gilliam, you shouldn't have any more birthdays, for I'm afraid you wouldn't last through another similar to the one you had September 3rd.

What's the matter, Ethel, can't you take it? This mountain air should do you good and help you too. Or is it that you're homesick?

There has been a newcomer to Wilkes county, "Jim," or maybe it's John Livengood.

Anyone wanting to know how to appreciate a nice moonshiny night and all the trimmings see "Sugar Pappy." He gives good advice for his "Grandma" told him all about it.

Esther and her son, Jimmy, along with a party of friends, motored to High Rock Sunday.

Here's a letter from Jack Smith's family, describing the bombing of a nearby city. Jack's family lives in Scotland.

Dear Bro. and Sister and family, Here I am again, safe and sound. Hope everybody is well, as this leaves us all well here, only the girl—Kirkland next door, age 16½, was taken away in the ambulance yesterday to the hospital with typhoid fever.

A good many cases are away from Cumrock with it. Well, we had a little bit of excitement here last night. We had a visit from

Mr. Jerry (Germans). He went right over our house and two miles further on he dropped incendiary bombs. One of the bombs landed in a field near a farm house and it has not exploded yet. It is a time bomb. The farm house is deserted and all cattle removed till such time as it will go off. The soldiers are guarding the road leading to it. It is terrible indeed. We heard the bombs dropping and bash he came as fast as he could fly right over us again, but up got the search lights, and then the guns began to roar and finally he was brought down. That is the reception he got on his visit. Just the medicine to give them. Mother and I were down at Aird seeing Aunt Maggie. They are all well and are inquiring about you. I think this is all once again, so Cheerio till next week.

Your loving Mother, Brothers and Sisters. Jeannie.

BURLING DEPT.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burgiss were the supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Burgiss, of Statesville, Saturday.

Those attending the soft ball game at south side ball park in Winston Saturday, were Mesdames Edith Freeman and Roy Judd.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Martin enjoyed a weiner roast at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Swaim Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chappell and families spent Sunday at Taylorsville visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ples Haynes and family and Mr. and Mrs. Curt

Luffman spent Sunday at Pilot Mountain visiting Mr. and Mrs. Colonel Harris.

Mrs. Daisy Transou and daughter, Lucile, spent a few days recently in Atlanta, Ga., visiting her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Freeman spent the week-end in Asheville, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Renegar and daughter spent Monday in Winston shopping.

Miles (Junior) Pardue, son of Mrs. Pearl Pardue, has joined the Marines and is stationed at Parris Island, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Sparks and family spent the week-end at Kannapolis visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shoemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rogers and children attended the Flincham reunion near Pilot Mountain Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cheeks attended the Cheek reunion at Shepherd Cross Roads Sunday.

Ruth Teague reports having dinner on the Blue Ridge Parkway Sunday.

We don't know how it happened but Charlie Long, Charlie Freeman and Charlie Willey all work on the shearing machine.

Miss Lily Shores, Mr. Glenn Myers, Miss Huzie Myers and Mr. Ed Freeman were in Winston and High Point visiting relatives.

Hazel Lowe might leave us before long to take up housekeeping somewhere in Maryland.

Mick had a birthday the 22nd. We thought maybe this department might want to help get him some clothes. Size 18 shirt; No. 10 shoes, and pants, well, I think about 40 by 36.

Any girl wanting to get married see Fred. His daddy told him he would give him a pig, if he would get married. That is a bargain for any girl.

The girls in this department want to know what brand of lipstick Charlie Gough is advertising.

Discovered America

Teacher — Who discovered America?
 Student—Ohio.
 Teacher—No, sonny, Columbus.
 Student—Aw that was just his first name.

OPPOSITE PAGE

Here are some more views of the fire which destroyed the scouring plant. Top photo was made from the Hugh G. Chatham bridge at a time when the flames were at their height. Lower left photo shows firemen playing a stream of water on the west side of the front section of the plant. Lower right was taken a few minutes after flames had begun to pour from the east side of the front section. — (Elkin Tribune Photos by Alan Browning, Jr.)