



**NEWCOMERS** — Barbara Ann King, of dungaree, and Charles R. Lewis, of the overall department, are newcomers at the Hudson division this month.



**NEW AT SHERROD** — These three girls are recent additions to the staff at the Sherrrod division. From left to right they are Rachel Scott, Marie Earnhart, and Jean Beck.

## Drivers Affected By New State Law

Do you drive an automobile?

If you do, take heed! A new law which becomes effective on January 1 affects you. It requires that you be able to prove financial responsibility within 60 days after becoming involved in an accident—and it makes no difference whether or not the accident was your fault.

Obviously, the easiest way to prove financial responsibility is through liability insurance, either of you as the driver or of the automobile which you are driving. You must have a minimum coverage of \$5,000 for injury to one person; \$10,000 for injury to two or more persons; and \$1,000 for property damage.

If the automobile you are driving is insured, even though you are not the owner, every thing is all right as long as you have the owner's permission to drive it.

Without liability insurance, on either the vehicle or yourself as a driver, the only other means of proving financial reliability, according to the new law, is to post a bond up to \$10,000 or make a deposit of cash securities in the same amount.

After January 1 the driver of every motor vehicle involved in an accident, regardless of fault, must within 24 hours file a written report with the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh. It's suggested that you carry a form in your automobile at all times. If you are insured you may notify your agent

and the responsibility of filing this report becomes his. You also are required to notify local police, if the accident is in town, or the State Highway Patrol if the accident happens outside the city limits.

The "teeth" in the new law is the fact that if proof of financial responsibility is not made within 60 days, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is required to suspend your driving license. In such an event, the license remains suspended until you have either met responsibility requirements or one year has passed without the "other party" having filed a claim for damages.

The taking away of your driving license is automatic unless your automobile, or the one you are driving, is the only one involved and no property damage is done to anything except this particular vehicle; your car was legally parked and someone ran into it; someone without permission from you was driving your car at the time of the accident; or unless you and the "other party" have agreed on a "proper" settlement of any damages resulting from the accident.

And your insurance rate may depend upon your carefulness as a driver. After an accident those persons who do not have proper insurance, and cannot otherwise prove financial responsibility, will have to apply for insurance coverage. If they can't get it, their driving licenses remain revoked.

There is to be an assigned "risk pool" in the state which will assign bad risks to an insurance company after the applicant has not been able to get insurance through normal channels. Premiums for the insurance, in such instances, may cost up to twice as much as usual. But the Commissioner of Insurance in many cases will allow the pool to refuse acceptance of the bad risks. That would bar them from driving permanently.

Backers of the new law believe it will eventually force the bad drivers off the roads—making our highways a lot safer for the average driver.

### DOWN THE CHIMNEY

Why does Santa Claus come down the chimney — at least on greeting cards and in the ads? The myth which old-time Englishmen favored was that Santa was thereby cleaning the chimney of soot, to allow good luck to enter the house at the New Year.

### THE NAME

Our name for the day, Christmas, dates back to the 11th century when it was called Cristes Maesse—literally, Christ Mass.



**FORMAL WEDDING** — Rose Marie Hutchins, who sews zippers in ladies dungaree, was married in a formal ceremony at Pinegrove Baptist Church on October 30. She is now Mrs. Donald Kidd and resides on Route 3. Her husband is employed by Burlington Mills in this city.

## Winners!

Whoopee!

The Anvil Brand basketball team hasn't lost a game yet.

So far our boys have beaten Globe Parlor Furniture Company, Marsh Furniture Company, and the Adams-Millis and Myrtle Desk teams. As Sew It Seams prepared to go to press they were all set to tackle Highland Cotton Mill.

Right now Sew It Seams apologizes to Dwight Craun for letting his name get dropped out of the cutlines under the team's picture last month. But everyone knew the good looking guy between Jerry Paschal and Joel Paul was "Ike," so why worry?

## Why Santa Claus?

The name of Santa Claus for the patron saint of Christmas comes from a German-Dutch corruption of the name of Saint Nicholas.

Legend has it that this good saint lived in the fourth century. He learned that three young women were without suitors because their father was too poor to provide a dowry. St. Nick tossed three bags of gold into their room one night, and they all lived happily ever after.

"San Niklaus" of the Germans became "Sinteklass" of the Dutch, and those who settled New York wound up with "Santa Claus."