

Scenes From Colored Picnic Held On August 4th



Supt. L. C. Easter is pictured above presenting five year service pins and certificates to the following High Point Weaving employees: Claude Robbins, Henry Reid, George Lemons, and Milton Robbins.



Part of the gathering of one hundred of our colored employees and their families. Shown serving and receiving food are Emmett Field with his youngest child, James Robinson, Mattie Martin, and Pauline Doster.



LaVerne Tyson is shown here with a full ration.

EXPANSION PLANS ANNOUNCED WITH V-J CELEBRATION

In contrast to heavy industries and strictly war constructed plants, Burlington Mills, with V-J Day, set into motion a Four Year Plan for expansion and modernization, including production quotas exceeding those of the war years.

This four-year plan, according to President Spencer Love, calls for additional manufacturing facilities in every division of the Company, several new lines, and activities and improved buildings and equipment. Carrying out this plan, several million dollars worth of equipment is already on order, and a number of building additions are underway.

There is not expected to be any great curtailment of employment, but rather as style revision progresses, additional employees will be needed. Foundation for this estimated increase lies in the fact that many fancy styles requiring more service labor were dropped during the war, and stress was laid on standard instructions which required a minimum of individual attention. However, there may be some cases of isolated lay-offs for installation of new machinery and style changes, but everything will be done

to keep these at a minimum. Through further fabric development, inclusion of new and varied styles, and expansion of production capacity, the Company expects to take care of all its 4,000 returning service men and women, together with its present working force.

With certain exceptions, the Company expects to continue to operate on a six-day schedule with time and one-half being paid for all hours over 40. It will be recalled that operations have been on such a basis since a number of years prior to the war, and with the pent-up need for textiles of all types, the Company believes a maximum working schedule will continue to be needed for an indefinite period. Financially the Company is in the best position of any time during its history, being entirely free of debt in the form of notes, bonds or bank loans and has a substantial working capital reserve for future expansion.

FABRIC DEVELOPMENT NOW MOVES AHEAD

"Out of our varied war experience, many new fabrics and designs will come about," said W. B. Sellars, director of research and chairman of the Research and Development Committee in a recent interview at his Greensboro office. But he warned, "The public should not expect drastic changes immediately. The first job we and all other textile manufacturers have is to relieve the acute consumer shortage in basic fabrics, particularly goods in the medium and low cost fields." Continued yarn shortages will keep the textile market tight for some time, particularly in novelty lines.

Gradually new fibers will be introduced as sufficient experience in handling is acquired and as such yarns become available. Currently the Company's Research Committee is concentrating on spun rayon and combination fibers, as this is one of the broadest fields for product expansion and improvement. Experiments are being made, using various combinations of cotton, wool, spun rayon, improved types of filament rayon, aralac and nylon to produce new finishes, feels, and textures for many varied purposes. Changes in weaves and twists can also produce radical changes in the finished goods.

Some sample runs have already been made on new spun combinations. Out of this material, dresses,

men's suits and other apparel have been made and worn through the Greensboro Wear-Test Department with promising results. Handicapped by war, it is expected that sample runs will be increased, and results will be more clearly determined before such combinations are introduced as regular Burlington Mills' lines.

Another surety for the future is nylon. The war brought nylon out of the hosiery field into full status with other more established yarns like rayon and the natural fibers. Work on nylon fabrics of a burly-twill material for wearing apparel will be projected. Proven by wear, nylon fabrics will have major usefulness in the coated fabric line, primarily in raincoats. Probably raincoat manufacturers will buy much of the parachute material earmarked for the military to be waterproof coated. Nylon poncho styles are a natural for rain wear conversion. Undoubtedly, nylon will also be used for lingerie and dress fabrics.

Nylon screening already on hand and designed for tropical use where metal screenings ordinarily corrode and deteriorate quickly will be used extensively in future house screening, particularly for beach houses because nylon is not affected by salt air.

Although no major or startling developments should be expected with regard to high tenacity rayons, they are here to stay and will result in longer wear and life in rayon fabrics.

SUCCESSFUL SOFTBALL SEASON COMES TO CLOSE

The Weaver's softball team won their first game in the State tournament in Greensboro by defeating Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base by the score of 1-0. Playing without the services of "Red" Samuels, who was made ineligible due to the fact that he had previously played with Hillcrest in the same tournament, the Weavers behind the fine pitching of Clyde Cardin who allowed but three hits, took this game 1-0. They scored their lone run in the sixth inning. Cardin allowed but three hits and walked but two men while the opposing pitcher allowed nine bases on balls.

On Thursday, the Weavers lost to Burtner of Greensboro, the defending civilian champions in State softball. This was a rough and tumble affair which saw the Weavers take an early lead of three runs on hits by Hipps and Ballard along with several Burtner errors. The final score was 6-3 in favor of Burtner.

The Weavers have thus concluded a very successful season which put them in first place in the local league at the season's close. In the final play offs at the close of regular season they lost out in a three game play off with Hillcrest.

IN MEMORY OF DAD



The following poem was composed by Lois E. Hutchens in memory of her dad, Wesley H. Hutchens, who passed away June 7, 1944. Mr. Hutchens was employed at Hillcrest at the time of his death.

*I remember the day, a very sad day,
The day our Dad was taken away,
A day of sorrow — a day of fear,
A very true lover and so dear.*

*A daddy to us, a husband to Mother,
In his place there will never be another.*

*We love him so and always will
Until our hearts are standing still.*

*Then in heaven we hope and pray
Hope we will meet him on that day,
God needed a new star up there
To light the way to the Golden Stair.*

*So it was Dad that God called home
No more in this world for him to roam;*

*Shine on, dear Dad, on the Golden Stair,
We are all hoping to meet you there.*

*Mother is always sad and blue,
And all us children are sad, too,
But we all know it will be our day
That God will have to call us away.
It was on June 7 God took him away,
But he is safe in heaven we pray.
We all drew near his bed,
But in our hearts we knew he was dead.*

*Although we know he is better off than we,
For his sins are answered and ours are to be;*

*But any person as good as Dad
Up in heaven should be very glad.*

*He was always happy and never sad —
That is what we loved about Dad.
We never quarreled, we never fussed,
We loved him and he loved us.*

*But now that he has gone to rest,
We will have to do our very best;
Sleep on, dear Dad, in Jesus' care,
If God's willing, we'll meet you there!*