

The MILL WHISTLE

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BLASTS

From the Draper Office
 Carrie Hill and Evelyn Lewis

Absenteeism

Up, up, up! With the exception of Central Warehouse, Towel mill, Sheet-ing mill, and Blanket mill every mill had a higher percent of absenteeism than two weeks ago. Why? The Mill Whistle goes to nearly every textile mill in the state and to many executives and business men. Wonder what they think of our absentee record? What do we think of it? Getting right down to brass tacks, the record your mill makes de-pends entirely on you.

| ABSENTEE METER | | |
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| Two weeks ending October 28, 1945 | | |
| | Per Cent | |
| MILL | 10-14 | 10-28 |
| Central Warehouse | 9.6 | 6.4 |
| Finishing | 3.1 | 6.4 |
| Hosiery | 7.3 | 7.4 |
| Bleachery | 6.1 | 7.5 |
| Towel | 9.5 | 7.5 |
| Woolen | 8.5 | 9.1 |
| Karastan | 8.3 | 11.6 |
| Blanket | 12.5 | 11.7 |
| Sheeting | 13.1 | 11.7 |
| Rayon | 9.5 | 12.3 |
| Bedsread | 13.4 | 14.5 |
| TOTAL | 10.0 | 10.3 |

Where Does Your Mill Stand?
 What Are YOU Doing About It?

Note that Central Warehouse and Finishing mill have the same average. We have placed Central Warehouse in first place because their absentee meter decreased 3 points while Finishing mill doubled their points over the last re-lease.

Central Warehouse By Maybud Stanley

Miss Belle Watson spent the past week with friends in Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Manley and Mrs. A. C. Boonè were shopping in Greensboro Saturday.

Miss Jean Vipperman of Roanoke, Va., visited relatives in Leaksville and Draper the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Stanley and Mr. J. H. Booker spent Sunday with Mr. Stanley's mother who has been ill for sometime.

Mrs. Minnie Shockley has been on the sick list for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Turner, Mr. Shreve, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Turner and Mrs. Irva Hopkins attended the horse show at Sedgefield Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. West were in Martinsville, Va., Saturday.

Story Of The Christmas Seal

Everyone knows that money collected from the sale of Christmas Seals each year is used to fight the dread disease, tuberculosis. Nevertheless, few persons are familiar with the story of the first Christmas Seal.

It was in December, 1903, that a Dan-ish postal clerk named Einar Holboell was sorting stacks of Christmas mail in a musty, old-world post office. As he worked far into the afternoon, his mind was filled with thoughts of Christmas. The spirit of the season was in his heart.

Suddenly Einar had an idea. "Why," he mused, "couldn't all this mail be used to serve a double purpose? . . . Why couldn't each letter bear a Christ-mas Seal—a Seal which would save lives?"

Einar's plan was adopted the follow-ing winter, when the world's first Christmas Seals were sold in Denmark, and proceeds were used to aid children suffering from tuberculosis.

Three years later a group of doctors in America, facing a deplorable need of funds to continue their treatment of eight tuberculosis patients, appealed for help to Emily Bissell, a welfare worker. She suggested that Christmas seals similar to those sold in Denmark be introduced in the United States.

Emily, though no artist, had the will to accomplish her purpose. She sketched a Seal bearing the message "Merry Christmas" and ordered several thousand and printed at her own expense. The Seals were sold locally the same year and \$3,000 was raised to further the campaign against tuberculosis.

The following season, in 1908, Christ-mas Seals were distributed on a national scale. Today the Seals are a Christ-mas-time tradition. Tuberculosis, at one time the first cause of death in this country, has dropped to seventh place

Visitors To The Mills And Offices

From other sections of the Company:
 Luther H. Hodges, New York. W. L. Pierce and T. H. Ducey, New York Sales office.

From other Companies:
 Mr. Goldsmith, of Archie Goldsmith & Bro.; Mr. McDonough, of Emporium; Mr. Tausend, of Felix Tausend; Mr. Leahy, of Strawbridge & Clothier; Mr. Myers and Mr. Whittington, of Hustler Bros.

Floda Somers and Agnes Foster had Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Melton and their daughter, Grace, for dinner Sunday. Charles, Floda's husband, cooked the dinner. Boy! he's some cook, girls—cause I ate some coconut cake he baked. (No kidding Charles, it really was de-licious.)

Gladys Barber Smith and her "Willie" went to the circus in Reidsville. Say, Gladys, whose little bitsy girl did you have with you?

Roy Seay, our office manager, is on the sick list this week. Trust you'll soon be well and back with us.

Reuben Garrett, of the Wage Bureau spent a few days in Chicago. He says they all could tell he was from North Carolina. Wonder why?

Lucille Turner Cherry is certainly a happy girl! Her husband, Russell is home, honorably discharged and also his brother Joseph has received his dis-charge and is home. Congratulations, boys!

Garth Purdy and Clifford Balls have received their discharges from the Navy. Glad you're home and I'm sure I speak for everyone.

With the Paratroopers rooming around we are all waiting on the sidelines to see the infantry land. What will happen, we don't know, but we think Vera Belle Francis has everything well in hand, or hope she has at least!

Ab Ricks has a new job. A Promotion? Could be? How do you like being "dray boy" for Mr. Adkins, Ab?

Carrie Hill and Kathleen Barrow spent the week-end in Burlington with Miss Vallie Vaughn. (We sho' did Ev'-and had a simply marvelous time!)

J. V. Lea says that anyone who brings home-made candy to the office and does not offer him a few pieces—well, he'll just have nothing more to do with them. So beware, girls, don't forget J. V.

We wish to express our deepest sym-phony to Mrs. Mozelle May who lost her brother last week.

Congratulations to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph Lay on their new adventure. Mrs. Lay the former Louise Newman, who works in the Scheduling department. Mr. and Mrs. Lay were married on Wednes-day, November 14th.

The staff and editors of the "Mill Whistle" were gorgeously entertained last Friday night at the annual "Mill Whistle" Banquet. Ye editors were pres-ent, and we can report that we enjoyed the entire evening, and trust that as a result of such meetings we can improve in our efforts and keep on improving. Thanks to you Messers. Newman, Weav-er, Whitcomb and Miller for such an enjoyable evening.