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26 Pre-Fab Houses Now Going Up In Tri-Cities Area

Ex-Service Men Secure Homes Through Veterans' Housing Commission

The 26 pre-fabricated houses secured by the Tri-City Veterans' Housing Commission for sale to ex-service men have all been brought to the Tri-Cities and all have been sold. The houses will be erected as fast as the construction crews can put them up. It is estimated that an average of about two houses per day will be erected.

Work began late last week on several of the houses which are to be erected on Merriman Street in the neighborhood of the G. C. Swinney home at Draper. Others are to be built at various points in Leaksville-Spray and surrounding countryside.

The houses are being erected by the Zerker Construction Company, Washington, D. C., and the work has been organized into various phases. The first crew digs the foundation and pours the concrete piers. Next comes the erection crew which puts the house up and connects the plumbing. The electrical crew follows and then the clean-up and painting crew finishes its work and the house is ready.

The first unit obtained by the Commission was erected in the Newtown section of Draper and was used as a sample. This house was purchased by Stuart T. Maynard, Draper Y. M. C. A. house secretary, and has been occupied for several weeks.

Complete with all wiring, plumbing fixtures, a heating unit, kitchen range and hot water tank, the houses were brought here from Alexander Park, Portsmouth, Va., where they were used during the war as homes for shipyard workers.

The erection of these houses will bring relief to veterans who have lived in cramped quarters since their return from service. Typical of the circumstances of some of the ex-service men

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PRINCIPALS IN GIRLS' CLUB CHANGE



Miss Elizabeth Everett, of Greenville, N. C., has been appointed director of the Girls' Club succeeding Mrs. W. B. Weaver, who held the post for 19 years and whose resignation became effective August 1. Miss Everett arrived last Tuesday and at present is staying at the Weaver home in the Highlands. Shown above, left to right, are Miss Everett, Mrs. Weaver, and Mrs. Karl Bishopric, president of the board of directors of the Girls' Club, who announced the appointment. (See story on page 7.)

Absentee Meter Figures Are Now More Up To Date

Comments on Meter Indicate Much Interest in Reducing Absenteeism in Local Mills

Re-appearing in this issue of The Mill Whistle is the ABSENTEE METER after an absence of a few issues. The meter was discontinued for a time while efforts were made to bring the figures closer up to date so that more recent weeks could be shown in the meter. This has been worked out to some extent and the meter is now appearing once more.

During the period while the meter was not published there were comments from many employees noting the omission. This was believed to indicate that there is much interest among employees in reducing absenteeism so that their mill would make a good showing.

Absenteeism

ABSENTEE METER

Two-week periods ending
June 30 and July 21, 1946

MILL	Per Cent	
	6-30	7-21
Hosiery	5.4	3.6
Finishing	4.0	5.1
Towel	5.0	5.8
Bleachery	5.3	6.0
Central Warehouse ..	5.4	7.2
Blanket	8.5	7.8
Woolen	7.7	7.9
Rayon	9.3	9.3
Bedsread	9.3	9.6
Sheeting	9.9	11.0
Karastan	11.7	11.6
TOTAL	8.0	8.2

The optimist is as often wrong as the pessimist . . . but he's far happier.