

New Ways Of Doing Things

Some employees are always looking for better ways to do things. They welcome new machinery that's installed in the mills and they take to new and better job methods as if it were the most natural thing in the world to expect improvements.

On the other hand, a good many employees act as if it were the most unnatural thing to be asked to accept new ways, new machines and equipment. Resistance to change is a common reaction.

"But we've always done it that way," is their defense of the old way. They protest that the new or different way has drawbacks, or that "it won't work."

It is obvious that new and different methods are being adopted every day and are working successfully. A cold economic fact is that those companies that cling to the old ways too long are soon out of business.

Those who cry loudest against change wouldn't want it to be "always done that way" — not where the things that make for comfort, luxury, and a higher standard of living are concerned. For if we kept doing things as they were "always" done, we'd have no automobiles, no TV or radio, no electric appliances, no automatic heating, or the hundreds of other modern inventions that make life enjoyable.

A Positive Accomplishment

Textile prices today are about seven per cent lower than they were 15 years ago, while the average of prices for all industrial commodities has increased more than 25 per cent.

This record of economic stability has been established by the textile industry despite intensive and unfair foreign competition, despite increases in prices of raw materials and supplies, despite higher cost for machinery and equipment, despite improved wage scales and employee benefits, and despite a record of earnings below the national average for all industries.

While there is much room for improvement in the textile industry's profits, to produce better products at less cost in a generally inflated economy is certainly a positive accomplishment.

New Reporter Named For Bedsread Mill

Edna Y. Hopper, a Weave Room employee, has been appointed The Mill Whistle reporter for the Bedsread Mill to replace Ada Jones, who took early retirement under the Pension Plan.

Employees of the Bedsread Mill are invited to pass on to Mrs. Hopper their pictures, news and "Buy . . . Sell . . . Swap" items for The Mill Whistle.

A Spray native, Mrs. Hopper attended Leaksville High School and began work with the company in 1938. She was an enterer and draw-in hand at the Silk Mill (later to become the Synthetic Fabrics Mill) for many years and since 1958 has been a draw-in hand at the Bedsread Mill.

A daughter of Mrs. D. C. Yarbrough and the late Mr. Yarbrough, she is married to John F. Hopper, who is employed by the State Highway Commission in North Wilkesboro.

The Hoppers have two children, a daughter, Vicki, a 1963 graduate of Morehead High School who is receptionist for Dr. C. F. Tulloch, Jr., Spray optometrist; and a son, John Jr., a sixth grader at Leaksville Graded School.

Mrs. Hopper is an active member of Spray Methodist Church and currently is vice president of the Wesleyan Fel-



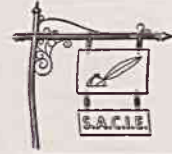
EDNA Y. HOPPER
... Joins Mill Whistle Staff ...

lowship Class. She devotes much of her time when not at the mill to her church activities. Whenever she can spare the time, she enjoys working with flowers.

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