



**BEFORE** method improvement at Bedsread Mill, the above picture illustrates amount of filling waste from a day's operation.

**AFTER** new system began, filling waste was reduced to amount above being checked by H. C. Collins.

# 'Better Way' Reduces Filling Waste

An improved method with close attention and cooperation by the employees concerned has brought a reduction in filling waste at the Bedsread Mill making possible a substantial yearly savings.

In the weave room, soiled or damaged bobbins picked up from the floor were placed in the quill cans. The magazine fillers tossed into the cans any bobbins with a bad build. Also, loom vibration and the slant of the filling boxes sometimes caused bobbins to fall into the quill can or onto the floor.

Under the old system, the good bobbins that found their way into the cans were allowed to remain there. The quill collectors dumped all of the contents of the cans and carried the entire lot to the quill stripper.

There the full bobbins were tossed into cans and allowed to accumulate before being carried to the winder room to be sorted. The good bobbins were returned to the weave room; bobbins with a bad build were rewound on cones and then wound back on filling quills on the Schweiter winder; dirty or greasy filling was wound on cones to be sold as twine.

### No Accumulation Now

With the new method, there is no accumulation of unused bobbins. The magazine fillers and quill collectors see that good bobbins go back into the filling boxes. Soiled bobbins and those with a bad build still are placed in the quill cans.

But from that point the system is different. At the quill stripper the bobbins are still placed in cans but the cans are returned to the winder room daily.

There, H. C. Collins, yarn packer and server, checks every bobbin. He sends the good ones back to the weave room. The bobbins with a bad build go directly to the Schweiter winder, omitting the former cone winding step. Those that cannot be salvaged are wound to

cones and sold as twine.

The daily follow-up prevents the filling from accumulating and becoming more soiled or damaged. Corrections in winding have reduced the number of bad builds to such an extent that they can be handled by the Schweiter winder without being wound on cones first.

In the weave room, the positions of the filling boxes have been changed to prevent bobbins from falling out. The loomfixers continually make adjustments to reduce the amount of knocked-out filling. And, importantly, the cooperation of employees has been enlisted in keeping filling bobbins off of the floor. This has resulted in a big reduc-

tion in the number of dirty or greasy bobbins.

In commenting on the improvement, Giles Hunnings, mill superintendent, said: "We are concentrating on the elimination of unnecessary waste and our people are cooperating in a wonderful way. The employees realize, I think, that the reduction of waste is the easiest and simplest way to lower costs and that it usually takes no more time to do something right than to do it wrong."

"We appreciate the cooperation and interest shown by employees and confidently expect that we will continue to reduce waste at the Bedsread Mill."

## Feb. 29th Birthdays For Three



L. J. HALL



S. HAIRSTON

There are three Fieldcresters who, by the calendar, are not getting old as fast as others. They are Wilma Laney, Muscogee Spinning; Lenford Hall, Towel Weaving; and Sanders Hairston, Jr., of the Towel Mill Carding Department.

They were born on a February 29 and will observe their once-every-four years birthdays later this month.

As far as is known, they are the only persons among Fieldcrest's nearly 7,500 employees having such birthdays.



WILMA LANEY  
THE MILL WHISTLE