



George Johnson, registered locksmith, cuts key in shop at rear of his home.

## Draper Employee Is Registered Locksmith

The number of registered locksmiths in Rockingham County increased by exactly 100 per cent recently when George W. Johnson, a mechanic at the Draper mills, qualified for professional registration.

The Fieldcrest man has been registered and bonded by the Associated Locksmiths of America, whose headquarters are in New York. Before he received his certification, there was only one registered locksmith in Rockingham County.

By being registered and bonded, Mr. Johnson is eligible to do government work, mainly for post offices, banks, etc. Also, he can do work for companies whose policies require that all key and lock work be performed by a bonded locksmith.

For some time, Mr. Johnson has been making keys and doing lock work for the Blanket and Sheeting mills. He has done some work for other mills, the General Offices and the Fieldcrest Store.

His locksmith work, of course, is a sideline in addition to his mechanic's job at the mills. He has a well-equipped key shop at the rear of his home. When he gets home from the mill shortly after 3 p. m., he goes to his shop for whatever work is awaiting him there or he

### Forrest Johnson

Forrest D. Johnson who was three months old when this picture was taken, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Truman Johnson. His mother, Olivene Johnson, is employed in the office of the Product Service Department at the Automatic Blanket Plant at Smithfield.



goes out on a job somewhere, most often a locked car or building.

He said that occasionally there have been as many as three automobiles parked at his shop with lost switch keys. The owners usually "straight wire" the ignition and drive the cars to the key shop. Sometimes, though, the cars are locked with the keys inside. That calls for a trip to the car to get the door unlocked.

Mr. Johnson said the most amusing situation he has encountered was an instance in which a woman driver locked her car, locked all of her keys in the trunk and then locked the garage door!

It is almost an everyday experience to open locked cars, buildings, luggage, etc., when keys have been lost.

Much of Mr. Johnson's work is making keys outright to replace keys that have been lost. He also repairs locks of all kinds.

But, on occasion, there are big jobs involved. He is called on to change the locks at a store or other business place when there has been a change in ownership or management.

Mr. Johnson has encountered all kinds of experiences but he said some of his most difficult jobs have been changing the combinations on safes. He has done work for law enforcement officers and other legal work but said there are "some jobs you can't talk about."

He has been interested in locks all his life and has had a key shop since 1948. He started in a small way, mostly duplicating keys. With his modern shop with four machines, each to cut a different style of key, and a stock of 1,700 different grooved blanks, he has come a long way.

With his registration and bonding by the national professional association, he advanced from an ordinary key-copier to the "big time" as a professional locksmith.

## Top Weavers, Fixers

Top quality weavers and loomfixers at the Towel Mill, Fielddale, Va., are listed below for the most recent periods of record.

### Weavers—W/E March 14

Dobby & Cam ..... Walter Shelton  
Jacquard Terry ..... Norman Rakes  
New C-7 Looms ..... Lee Hazelwood  
(In Hosiery Mill building)

### Fixers—W/E March 14

Dobby & Cam ..... Linwood Williams  
Jacquard Terry ..... Edwin Hall  
New C-7 Looms ..... Joe Jones  
(In Hosiery Mill building)

### Weavers—W/E March 7

Dobby & Cam ..... Walter Shelton  
Jacquard Terry ..... Stuart Tuggle  
New C-7 Looms ..... James Meredith

### Fixers—W/E March 7

Dobby & Cam ..... Clifford Custer  
Jacquard Terry ..... Billy Stone  
New C-7 Looms ..... Lloyd Barker

### Weavers—W/E February 28

Dobby & Cam ..... Albert Goard  
Jacquard Terry ..... Randolph Stone  
New C-7 Looms ..... Lee Hazelwood

### Fixers—W/E February 28

Dobby & Cam ..... Claude Austin, Jr.  
Jacquard Terry ..... Billy Stone  
New C-7 Looms ..... Joe Jones

## Muscogee Employee Wins \$1,000 In Cash



Turner Sims, an employee of Muscogee Mills, a unit of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., in Columbus, Georgia, received \$1,000.00 in cash as winner of a contest conducted by McCoy's Super Market in Columbus.

Customers of McCoy's who participate in the Color Key to Cash contest may win from \$1.00 to \$1,000.00. The Muscogee employee is the first \$1,000.00 winner in the current contest.

Turner, who lives on Route 2, Phenix City, Alabama, is a trucker in the Shipping and Transportation Department at Muscogee Mills. He has been employed at the Columbus plant for nearly nine years.