

# What Does It Mean To Me?

Press reports suggest that the Congress is about to consider new cotton legislation and it is possible that the bill will be introduced by the time this is in print. Even at this point it appears that many people do not understand the need for a permanent one-price cotton law.

Someone asked not long ago, "Just what is one-price cotton?" As an employee of the textile industry, you may ask, "What does one-price cotton have to do with me?"

As you have read before, one-price cotton gives U. S. mills the right to purchase American cotton at the same price that foreign mills can purchase it. Up to the passage of this bill, foreign mills could purchase American-grown cotton at 8½ cents per pound, or approximately \$42.50 per bale, cheaper than American mills could. This, along with their cheaper labor, made it impossible for U. S. mills to compete.

What has one-price cotton meant to our industry?

Since this system was begun last spring, the textile industry has reversed the long downward trend in employment. At the present time our industry is providing better jobs at higher wages than ever before. Textile companies are investing more of their net worth in new and better machinery and equipment than any other industry. The entire industry is operating at near capacity and a majority of employees are receiving overtime pay. This means much to the many communities who look to textile payrolls as a means of livelihood.

One-price cotton not only aids the communities and the merchants, it also helps the farmers and the government. Cotton consumed for the first five months of this crop year was six per cent above the comparable period of last year. This increase in usage gives the farmer and the government a better chance to dispose of the surplus. Less cotton on hand will reduce the government's warehousing and carrying costs.

President Johnson, in his 1965 farm message to Congress, had this to say: "The cotton program of 1964 should be extended and improved. It is essential that cotton be competitive with other fibers and in world markets."

The present law is good only to August 1, 1966, and it is necessary and proper that the textile industry do everything possible to have this law extended.

## Towel Mill Names Top Weavers, Fixers

The Towel Mill's top quality weavers and loomfixers are listed below for the most recent periods of record.

In order to encourage quality and efficiency in the weave room, the mill each week gives recognition to the weavers and loomfixers with the best records. Names of the top operators are posted on the weave room bulletin board and are published in The Mill Whistle.

The "Weavers of the Week" are those with the lowest percentage of seconds with respect to the standards for the various loom groups.

The top fixers are determined through a combination of low seconds and high loom efficiency on the sections for which they are responsible.

### Weavers—W/E May 2

Dobby & Cam ..... Delmo Scott  
Jacquard Terry ..... Norman Rakes  
New C-7 Looms ..... Lauren Via

### Fixers—W/E May 2

Dobby & Cam ..... Bert Finley  
Jacquard Terry ..... Edwin Hail  
New C-7 Looms ..... Eugene Joyce

## New Bill Would Bring Hike In Payroll Taxes

If the Social Security-Medicare bill pending in Congress should be enacted in its present form, the maximum payroll tax levied on employees will rise to more than 12 times what it was in the early days of Social Security.

Under the bill as reported by the House Ways and Means Committee, the maximum tax, including the new tax imposed to pay for the Medicare program, would reach a top figure of \$369.60 a year by 1987.

This would be the amount which a person earning \$6,600 or more a year would have to pay. Of course, the employer would have to pay an equal tax for each such employee, so that the total tax levied for each person at this salary level would be \$739.20 a year.

### Weavers—W/E April 25

Dobby & Cam ..... Mattie Lackey  
Jacquard Terry ..... Kenneth Arrington  
New C-7 Looms ..... Lauren Via

### Fixers—W/E April 25

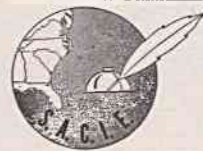
Dobby & Cam ..... Glenn Clark  
Jacquard Terry ..... Edwin Hail  
New C-7 Looms ..... Jesse Davis

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