

Thomas, Spencer Get New Positions

John A. Thomas, foreman of the Plant Service Department at the Blanket and Sheeting Mills was transferred to the Engineering Department as an electrical engineer effective January 1. D. Thomas Spencer, foreman of the Cotton Carding and Spinning Department at the Blanket Mill, was appointed foreman of the Plant Service Department replacing Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas is a native of Rockingham County and graduated from Wentworth High School in 1954. He entered the Air Force after high school and served for four years. After his return from service he attended Mars Hill College for two years and then went on to North Carolina State University where he received his B. S. degree in electrical engineering in 1963.

He joined Fieldcrest immediately after graduation and was a management trainee in the Bedsread-Karastan Plant Service Department. He became an assistant foreman in the Department in October 1963. He was transferred to the Draper plants as assistant foreman in the Plant Service Department in September 1965 and was promoted to foreman in February 1966.

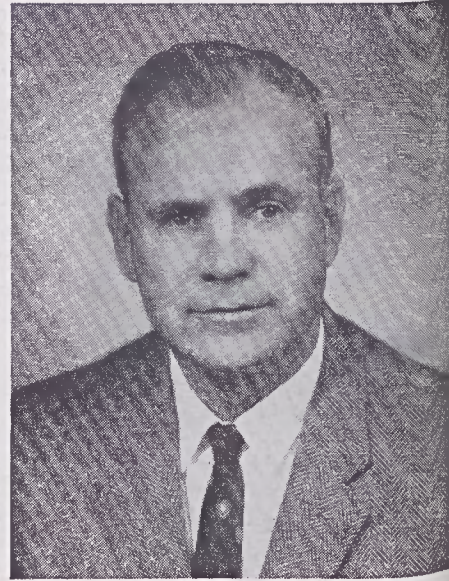
Mr. Spencer, an Eden native, grad-



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uated from the old Leaksville High School and worked on production jobs in the Sheeting Mill Weave Room prior to his service in World War II. He was in service from January 1944 until January 1946 and served in the Pacific Theatre as a medic in the Army.

After the war he conducted his own electrical and plumbing business in Eden for a number of years. In 1959 he joined Morehead Mills and worked there for seven years, first as maintenance en-



D. THOMAS SPENCER

gineer and later in production. Immediately prior to joining Fieldcrest he was superintendent of Morehead's No. 2 Plant.

He joined Fieldcrest Mills in April 1966 as a maintenance supervisor at the Blanket Mill. In May 1968 he was appointed foreman of the Cotton Carding and Spinning Department at the Blanket Mill and served in that capacity until he became foreman of the Plant Service Department.

Giveaway Program Has Given Away Enough

The economy is going great guns.

The nation's gross national product is expected to increase by about 10 per cent this year.

Exports may rise by 23 per cent over 1967.

A surplus in the balance of payments should be in the neighborhood of \$750-million.

Volume on the stock market is enormous. As many as 574 million shares were traded in just one week.

The United States?

No, Japan. It's the fourth richest country in the world, and growing.

Out of the ashes of World War II, the U. S. helped raise Japan to its position today.

We backed its industrial plants.

We provided machinery and technical know-how.

We offered it our markets.

It took them.

Today Japan sells the equivalent of more than a billion square yards of cloth in U. S. stores. It's easy for Japan to undersell us. Its textile workers earn only 39 cents an hour.

If the textile products Japan sells in our market were produced here in the United States they could provide jobs for 75,000 Americans at more than \$2 an hour.

The U. S. textile industry thinks we've given away enough. It would like to have Japan share U. S. markets, but it doesn't wish to see U. S. markets swept away by an economically powerful nation whose low wages would be illegal in this country.

We subsidized Japan's textile plants.

We gave it our textile technology.

We gave it our textile markets.

We are giving it our textile jobs.

If we keep it up, the U. S. textile industry could wind up a dead giveaway.

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Eden community and Rockingham County. He owns several farms in Rockingham County and is well known as a conservationist. His farm improvement methods and conservation practices have attracted wide attention.

Plans for the new YMCA building and out-door facilities were announced a few weeks ago by the YMCA board of directors. Members of the Planning Committee and a Building Committee will be announced soon, as the program progresses.

Members of the Site Committee, in addition to Chairman Craddock, are Jesse M. Burton, Broadus Vernon, Jim Robertson, Mrs. Guy Buckle, Paul L. Peterson and W. D. Lashley.

Manley Joyce, of the Leaksville Bank and Trust Company, was named treasurer of the New Building fund some time ago. The Junior Service League has announced plans to contribute to the New Building fund, and the Rotary Club of Eden is also interested in the project. Many other organizations and individuals have expressed interest in the proposed new building.



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