

# TEXTILE OUTPUT HITS ALL-TIME HIGH FOR FIRST QUARTER 1941

New York, Apr. 21.—The all-time record of textile-mill activity, which took two successive boosts in the years 1939 and 1940, is in for further and far more drastic skyrocketing in 1941, if the first quarter of the present year is a fair sample. That is the story revealed by Textile World's index. Commenting on that index, Douglas G. Woolf, editor of the publication, states:

"Here briefly are the figures in the case: The output for the first quarter of 1941, based on raw-material consumption, was 25 per cent above that for the first quarter of 1940; 35 per cent above that for the first quarter of 1939; and 75 per cent above that for the first quarter of an assumed 'normal' year, Textile World's index of textile-mill activity (based on 1923-25 as 100) will reach the amazing figure of 175, as compared with the two previous highs of 132 and 142 for 1939 and 1940 respectively. The record from 1929 through the first quarter of 1941 is shown in the following table:

1923-25 average-100; 1929, 115; 1930, 89; 1931, 93; 1932, 83; 1933, 104; 1934, 90; 1935, 105; 1936, 124; 1937, 125; 1938, 103; 1939, 132; 1940, 142, 1941 (First Quarter), 175.

"Under normal conditions, the afore-mentioned 'if' would be a big one. Past-performance would promise a sad drop before the year is through. But this year, the setting is different. Unfilled defense orders are still keeping the mills busy. Further defense orders in prospect at the start of the new fiscal year, July 1, even if the national emergency does not become more intense, may take up the slack, if any. The further possibility of a sharp increase in the armed forces, all demanding clothing and equipage, makes the 'if any' a realistic phrase. Add to that the increasing call for civilian textiles, due again to the boosting effect of the defense program upon national purchasing power, and the sum total is something to think about.

"There is no guarantee attached to the continuation of the index figure of 175 throughout the calendar year. But even if it misses that mark, the probability of a new textile-mill activity record in 1941, surpassing the previous highs of 1939 and 1940, is almost a certainty.

"Breaking down the index by branches of industry, cotton consumption during the first quarter of this year was 23 per cent over the corresponding period of 1940, and 38 per cent over the first quarter in 1939. Wool consumption was approximately 60 per cent over 1940, and 400 per cent over 1939. Silk consumption was 13 per cent over 1940, and 27 per cent under 1939. Filament-rayon consumption was 11 per cent over 1940, and 27 per cent over 1939. Rayon-staple consumption is estimated at 4 per cent over 1940, and 42 per cent over 1939."

## How Soldiers At Fort Jackson, S. C. Spend Their \$21.00

Just what does a Roanoke Rapids Selective Service man do with his \$21 a month pay at Fort Jackson, S. C.?

An extensive survey was recently conducted here revealing that a majority of the 6,000 Selectees in training with the 30th Division here carefully budget their monthly pay.

The first thing a new soldier does when his company commander has handed him his \$21 is to hand \$2 of it right back. This pays for his laundry for the month which is picked up weekly and done on a contract basis.

The soldier now has \$19 left, a spending allowance of sixty-three cents a day. The usual soldier's budget of this sum goes something like this:

Four nights in Columbia where he will have a fifty cent dinner followed by a movie at forty-five cents and an after movie snack at twenty-five cents. Fare to the city and return runs about twenty-five cents unless the soldier goes in a taxi with three other buddies then his fare will go up to fifty cents. Total cost of the evening runs about \$1.50. If he does this four nights a month, he spends \$6.

With his remaining \$13, a soldier averages twenty cents a night at the post exchange where he buys soft drinks, cake and candy and whatever else will fill stomachs that refuse to be filled. This runs him about six dollars for the month and leaves him seven.

Out of his last \$7, a soldier must purchase toilet articles, stamps, magazines and newspapers. The job of stretching his pay over a month is a seemingly impossible one, but most of the men do it and a good many of them go so far as to send part of their pay home.

This fact is evidenced by the receipts for money orders issued at the Fort Jackson Post office—which leads all other post offices in the state in the issuance of postal money orders. Many of these orders, of course, come from soldiers who receive more than the basic \$21 paid to soldiers their first three months in service.

As a man advances in the army his salary increases. After three months a private receives \$30 monthly and a first class private \$36. Uncle Sam's soldiers are the highest paid in the world and according to the survey at Fort Jackson, they have learned how to get the most out of their hard earned wages.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Taylor and Rev. Daniel Lane attended the 189th Rotary meeting in Greensboro Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

## Students At Wake Forest Speech Meet

Charles Davis, Nick Long, Victoria Vester, and Margaret Robinson, accompanied by Miss Ethel Knott, instructor, were among the 205 students and sponsors attending the Debate and Speech Tournament begun in Wake Forest today. Thirty North Carolina Schools from Asheville to Wilmington were represented.

Governor J. M. Broughton will present the loving cup to the winner speakers at the conclusion of the tournament on Saturday night. The finals will be broadcast.

In addition to debating, the tournament will feature contests in extempore, oratory, declamation, impromptu, and after dinner speaking.

Distinctive features of the speech meet are: the participation of each school in eight rounds of debate before any team is eliminated, and the critic judging system in which members of the Duke, Wake Forest, and State College debating system will assist the Wake Forest faculty in making the debate decision, along with individual criticism.

The four students from Roanoke Rapids were the regular members of the triangular debate team. However, Nick Long yielded to a substitute, Lawrence Clements, because of a sore throat at the time of the debate.

## Honor City Girls

Miss Katherine Traynham, who is a student at Salem College, has been elected on the Editorial Staff of the College Paper.

Miss Jenne Shelton, a student of St. Mary's College was elected

Maid to the May Day Queen for May Day Celebration of the College.

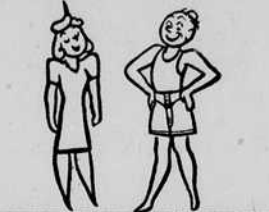
## Made Member Of Council At Duke

Miss Sara Towe of Roanoke Rapids, was one of the thirty-two students in the Wonma's College at Duke University chosen as a member of the Freshman Advisory Council for 1941-42, as was announced by the dean in charge of freshmen women.

Members of the council will undergo a three weeks training period in which they will learn the general technique of counseling the freshmen and specific ways they can help them in orientation.

Miss Towe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Towe, of 511 Roanoke Ave., is a member of Phi Mu, National social sorority.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Madison and children of Lexington spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pearson.



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