

## Dyeing And Finishing

Wade Parker has returned to work after being absent due to sickness.

When men start buying electric heating pads, it is a sure bet that the weather has really been cold. When Dossie Bunn was asked why he liked his heating pad, his reply was that the pad could not talk back.

Mrs. Mavis Parker and her family have recently moved into a new house about three miles beyond the pumping station on Rocky Mount, Route 4.

The Dyehouse third shift hit the jack-pot in a certain Gurganus family. Recently hired were Eulis, his brother, Alex, and Alex's son, Cecil. We extend welcome to the family.

Mrs. Frances Harrison, formerly of the Dispatch office, has returned to work in the Dyehouse Office, where she is performing duties handled by Mrs. Mavis Thomas before she was transferred to the Main Office.

Mrs. Mavis Parker lives out in the country and could not get to work when it snowed the first time. When she heard on the radio that another snow was on the way, she left her family in the country and spent the night in town with friends so that she could be sure of getting to work.

Henry Crozier has sold his Pontiac and bought himself a Mercury. Henry said the Pontiac did not last very long.

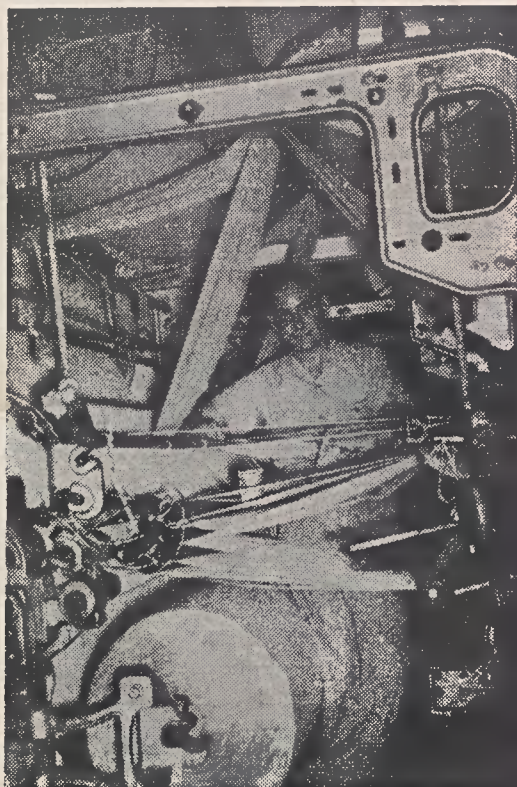
The rubberizing department went into action recently, and John Sterkin, with the aid of Alexander Murdock, a rubber specialist from Shelton, made good his boast. When he pushed the button, everything about the machine functioned properly.

Henry Crozier has been transferred from the Lab to the Finishing Department. He is working with John Sterkin on the rubberizer.

Walter Greenman, supervisor of the Finishing Department has expressed much appreciation to the employees of his department for the special effort they made to get to their jobs during the heavy snow. Mr. Greenman said that his force was large enough to enable him to catch up on his work and to finish all the goods that he had on hand; and that he is very grateful to the employees who helped to make this possible.

Our sympathy goes to Miss Zettie Walker of the Finishing Department whose uncle, Mr. Callie Walker of Spring Hope died January 15, 1948.

## People You Know



John Albert Raper, weaveshed floorman at Caromount, rounded out twelve years of service with Sidney Blumenthal & Co. Inc. on December 10, 1947. Mr. Raper was employed December 10, 1935, as a sweeper for a few years before he began dropping wires. After this change, Raper became a weaver, and continued in this capacity until he resumed his present job as floorman, March 24, 1941.

On December 19, 1942, Raper left Caromount to go to Pearl Harbor to work. Shortly afterwards he was drafted into the U. S. Army where he spent three years and three days. Raper was a Staff Sergeant in the Infantry of the 90th Division with the Third Army when he received his discharge. He was wounded twice while he was in the Army. The first time was at Normandy, July 26, 1944, and then again at Saar River, December 16, 1944. He spent two months in a hospital in Oxford, England.

November 26, 1945, Raper returned to his old job as floorman at Caromount, where he is working at present.

Mr. Raper was born and reared in Johnson County, the son of Christine Crocker and Robert Raper; and attended school there. Until he began his employment at Caromount, he farmed.

Raper was married to the former Mrs. Eula Mae Pollard, January 10, 1948. At present they are residing at Rocky Mount, Route 4.

We extend our sympathy to Addison Clayton Harper of the Engineering Department and Clayton Hedgepeth of the Lab who recently lost their son and brother, Nelson Harper.

## Office News

Mrs. Dorothy Joyner celebrated her birthday during January. Congratulations!

If you have seen a new 1948 Dodge in the parking lot, it belongs to Mrs. Margaret Lowe. She says that she likes it fine; but she doesn't see much of it because of her husband's working hours; and she still thumbs.

The Robards girls have found a place to live. They say that it isn't pretty, and that it will not last long; but that it is a place, never the less. Dorothy says that it is an igloo that someone advertised for rent.

Mrs. Trudy Guzman picked an ideal time during all of that severe weather to go to Florida to spend a week with her in-laws.

The new skating rink seems to be quite an attraction. Nearly everyone in the office has been out to try their luck. Van Wheeler is one of their best customers; and his friends say that he does a very neat job of mopping up the floor. (Don't we all, though!)

Bill Spruill, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, is a new cost accountant in the office. Spruill is a native of Plymouth, N. C. Many Caromount employees will remember his wife, Mrs. Mavis Clark Spruill, as a former employee. We are glad to have you at Caromount, Bill; and we hope that you will like it here.

Mrs. Mavis Thomas has been transferred to the Main Office from the Dyehouse.

## Mending Dept Reports

The snow and ice had most of the workers of the Raw Goods and Mending Departments frozen up for a while; although many of the children took their sleds out and enjoyed the snow.

Lawrence Worrell of Sharpsburg is a newcomer to the department. He took Clay Williams' place when he was transferred to the weaveshed. We will miss Mr. Williams; but we will enjoy having Mr. Worrell with us.

Two new ladies are in the Mending Department on the second shift. They are Mrs. Minnie Incoe of 621 North Church Street, and Mrs. Alice Higson of Swelton Heights.

There were several birthdays celebrated this month; and gifts were presented to the following by the Sunshine Club: Mrs. Ruth Reid, Mrs. Vata Lou Perdue, Mrs. Eva Collie, and Knox Ellis.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Ruth Reid of the Mending Department who lost her brother, J. A. Reid, recently.

## Social Security Aids

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Contributions to the old-age and survivor's insurance program are sent to the Government by employers every three months. Along with their own contributions, and the employees' deducted contributions, the employers send a report of the amount of wages paid each employee. This information is necessary because benefits are based on the worker's "average monthly wage" in covered employment.

The Social Security Administration keeps an account for every worker under the worker's name and social security number. When the worker or his family files a claim for benefits the worker's account determines the size of the benefits.

### Determining Average Monthly Wage

To arrive at the *approximate* amount of the "average monthly wage," add all wages (up to \$3,000 a year) paid the worker in covered employment from Jan. 1, 1937, when the program began, up to the calendar quarter in which the worker files his claim or dies. Covered employment refers to jobs for which social security deductions are made from employee's earnings. Do not count any wages received for employment not covered by the Social Security Act. Divide this total by the number of months in the same period.

For example, say that between January 1, 1937, and the time in which you filed your claim there were 12 years, or 144 months. During that period you worked in jobs not covered by the program for 3½ years, were sick 6 months and worked in covered employment 8 years. For your covered work you were paid on an average \$150 a month. Altogether for covered work you received \$4,400. Your "average monthly wage" would be \$4,400 divided by 144 months, or \$30.56.

### Largest Benefit Amount Considered

If the worker does not file a claim for benefits in the calendar quarter when he is first eligible, his average monthly wage may be figured at certain dates earlier than that on which he files his claim, but no earlier than the date when he was first both "fully insured," as a result of time spent and wages earned in covered employment, and age 65. He will be given the average monthly wage that yields the largest benefit amount allowed by his wage record.