

Race For Jobs Begins

The biggest job hunting expedition in the history of Cooleemee began early last Tuesday afternoon when word began spreading that Burlington Industries was going to close the greige mill.

The Journal, in an effort to pinpoint where job vacancies exist, ran a poor second to aggressive Burlington workers. Almost everywhere we called last week, we found that "half of Cooleemee has already been here."

Fiber Industries was the first

place that most people turned. But even Fiber couldn't handle the tremendous influx of applicants.

There's no telling how many people have found new jobs, but we'd guess at least 100 of the 700 to 800 displaced workers already have lined up something for the future.

NEW JOBS

This list is far from complete, but the following persons have been employed, according to in-

formation furnished the journal.

Ray Overcash, Frank Williams, Marvin Williams and Bill McDaniels were among the first hired by Cone Mills in Salisbury. Cone, at last report, still needed a warper tender and several people who have experience as battery fillers.

Linuel Hursey reportedly got the only vacancy at Milling Road Furniture.

Ray McBride and C. W. Whitley got on with Daniel Con-

struction Company at the Fiber plant.

Among those now working at Ingersoll-Rand are Woody Livengood, Willie Livengood and Robert Pdllian.

Several people are commuting to the Erlanger plant at Lexington. Among them: Paul Angel, Clyde (P. Rooney) McBride, John Snider and Lomas Gullett.

Tom Shoaf has a job but our informant didn't recall whether he's at Cannon or Cone Mills in Salisbury.

We have no word at present on the people who have applied or been accepted at Fiber Industries. Chances are that it will take some time, perhaps months, for all the applications to be processed and firm job offers made.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Cannon Mills is taking applications at three personnel offices: the Swink Plant on Highway 29 south for Salisbury plants, Plant No. 1 in Kannapolis and Plant No. 6 in Concord. Personnel Director J. H. Cannon said the Cannon employment office is open at these three plants from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. daily. Plant No. 1 in Kannapolis also is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon except for Easter Saturday.

W. S. Tyler on Highway 29 South is in need of loom fixers and perhaps other men. The plant manufactures wire mesh.

Miller Equipment Company in Salisbury is putting on an extra shift at its steel fabrication plant on Long Street in Salisbury.

Cone Mills in Greensboro is in particular need of loom fixers and weavers, as well as other types of workers. Its Greensboro employment office is located at 4th and Maple streets.

Bud Foster and others reportedly have jobs at a textile plant in Winston-Salem.

Other mills in the area include Rowan Mills on Highway 29 South, Cartex Mills at North Main and 11th Street, Macanal Mills at 605 North Shaver, all in Salisbury.

MEN FIRST

Generally speaking, it seems that the men, as heads of households, have been the first to go job hunting. Especially those with children, they cannot afford to postpone the inevitable.

Meanwhile, sewing plants in Salisbury are beginning to begin their season. Jobs are not plentiful now since they are beginning the season but opportunities should be available soon for women at Leisure Lads, Norman's Custom Draperies, Sy Hart Sportswear and other sewing plants in the Salisbury area.

The Journal will be happy to list job openings which residents hear about. We would also like to report the people who have found new jobs and where they have found them.

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Donna and Debbie Williams, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Williams, are ready for spring.

Job Interviews Will Be Held Here At Recreation Center

The North Carolina Employment Security Commission will have representatives at the Cooleemee Recreation Center all day Friday, March 21, to interview employees effected by the announced closing of the plant's Greig Mill. Plant Manager, Cyrus Cooley, said today. The office will open at 9 a.m.

In addition, Mr. Cooley said he and his management are working with area industries in efforts to place employees and will welcome representatives of these companies who want to interview employees at the Cooleemee plant.

He said a number of industries in Davie, Rowan and

surrounding counties have already contacted the Cooleemee plant about possible job openings for the employees. Names of these firms are being posted and arrangements are being made for interview facilities at the plant. Also, contacts have been made with the Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce for possible assistance.

"The response has been encouraging and we feel that most of the employees will be able to find jobs. As job information is developed we are making it known to employees through personal contact and bulletin board notices", he said.

Mr. Cooley reiterated the company's announcement last Tuesday that "everything possible will be done to help employees find job". He said the Greig Mill phase-out is going as scheduled and will continue over the next four to six weeks.

Mr. Cooley said, "we are grateful for the understanding and assistance that our fellow townspeople have given in this trying situation. We solicit their continued support".

He added, "as stated last Tuesday, the Dyeing and Finishing Plant, which employs 400 persons, will remain in operation".