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### Erwin Closes Greige Mill



Bobby West of Cooleemee opens the baseball season

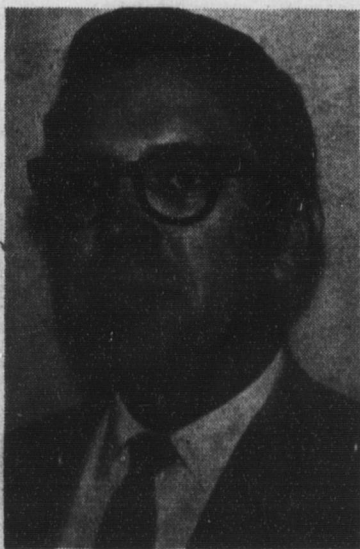
### Rothell To Manage Plant; Cooley Going To Greensboro

John G. Rothell has been named manager of Erwin Mills' Cooleemee Plant, and Cyrus E. Cooley has been transferred to Greensboro as vice president and manager of the Erwin Division of Burlington Industries there.

Rothell has been manager of the dyeing and finishing plant, the only operations which will remain open.

In addition to past duties as Manager of the Divisions Cooleemee Plant, Mr. Cooley also served as Director of Research and Development for the Erwin Division at Cooleemee.

A native of Chicago, he received his degree in



JOHN ROTHELL

Chemistry in 1942 at Memphis State University. He served five

A native of Saluda, South Carolina, Mr. Rothell is a graduate of Erskine and Clemson Universities. He joined Burlington in 1952 as a Trainee in the Company's Decorative Fabrics area. Later he served two years with the U. S. Army and for several years worked with other textile firms. He returned to Burlington in 1968 as Dyeing and Finishing Plant Manager at Cooleemee.

He is active in the Cooleemee Methodist Church, is married and has two children. Mrs. Rothell is the former Lucille Collins, a native of Greenville, South Carolina.

Erwin Mills phased out the last operation in its Greige Mill of the Cooleemee Plant over the weekend, completing the closing of the facility as announced on March 11.

The Dyeing and Finishing Plant here remains in operation.

C. E. Cooley, Plant Manager, said today that the closing had been conducted in an orderly manner. He expressed appreciation to employees and townspeople for "their understanding and cooperation in this difficult situation". He noted the assistance given by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission; the Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce and by other local industries in helping find employment for those employees released.

"We understand that employees of the Greige Mill who have sought other jobs are finding work without difficulty" he stated. "The Company will continue its contacts with the Department of Conservation and Development and with other State and local agencies in efforts to find a purchaser for the closed Greige Mill".

### Henry Shoaf's Wife Is Now Rising Earlier

Mr. Henry Shoaf of Pine Ridge Road answered his door bell Sunday morning to find an ambulance pulled up to the door and the attendants standing there with a cot, ready to carry someone out.

After a brief discussion, he heard they were at the wrong house.

Mr. Shoaf later told his wife, who was still in bed when the ambulance arrived, she was mighty lucky that he didn't let them take her along.

Mrs. Shoaf is now an early riser.

### Lions Club Begins Broom Sale Tuesday

The Cooleemee Lions Club will begin their annual broom sale Tuesday, April 22, at 6 p.m. with a door to door canvass in the community.

In addition to brooms, the club will also have ironing

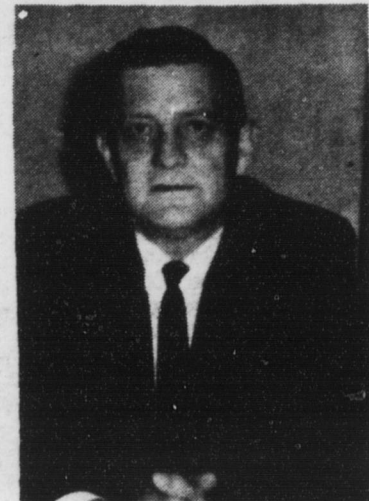
Erwin Mills officially closed its greige mill over the weekend, and Fiber Industries began hiring the lion's share of employees hunting jobs.

Located six miles west of Cooleemee at Barber, Fiber has already become the area's largest employer. Some 75 persons, formerly employed at Erwin Mills, reportedly have gone to work at Fiber during the past two weeks, and more are being interviewed.

An unofficial tally shows that Fiber is now employing almost 500 Cooleemee area people while the Erwin Mills dyeing and finishing plant employes some 400.

Fiber, which last week employed some 2,595 people, expects to add some 400 to 500 employees by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, Fiber is not the only plant hiring former Erwin Mills employees. Many have gone to work in other mills in the area, including Cannon, Cone, Cartex, Erlanger, Arista, Dakota and Blumont.



CLAUDE HICKS

### Claude Hicks, Davie County Attorney

MOORESVILLE — Claude Thomas Hicks, 53, a lawyer in Davie County since 1949, died Monday at 5:45 a.m. at the Davie County Hospital.

He was born May 4, 1915, in Surry County, the son of the late Richard and Laura Lane Hicks. A graduate of Wingate College, Wake Forest University, and Duke University Law School, he did post graduate work at the University of Minnesota. A member of the Davie County Bar Association and the North Carolina Bar Association, he was a veteran of World War II.

He was also a member of the Davie County Board of Education, the Mocksville Lions Club, the American Legion, and the Hickory Hill Country Club.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. June Marion Hicks; a daughter, Miss Lynn Hicks of the home; and a brother, Marion Hicks of Pinnacle.

board covers and dish cloths for sale.

Your continuing support is greatly appreciated. Proceeds will go to the school for the blind.