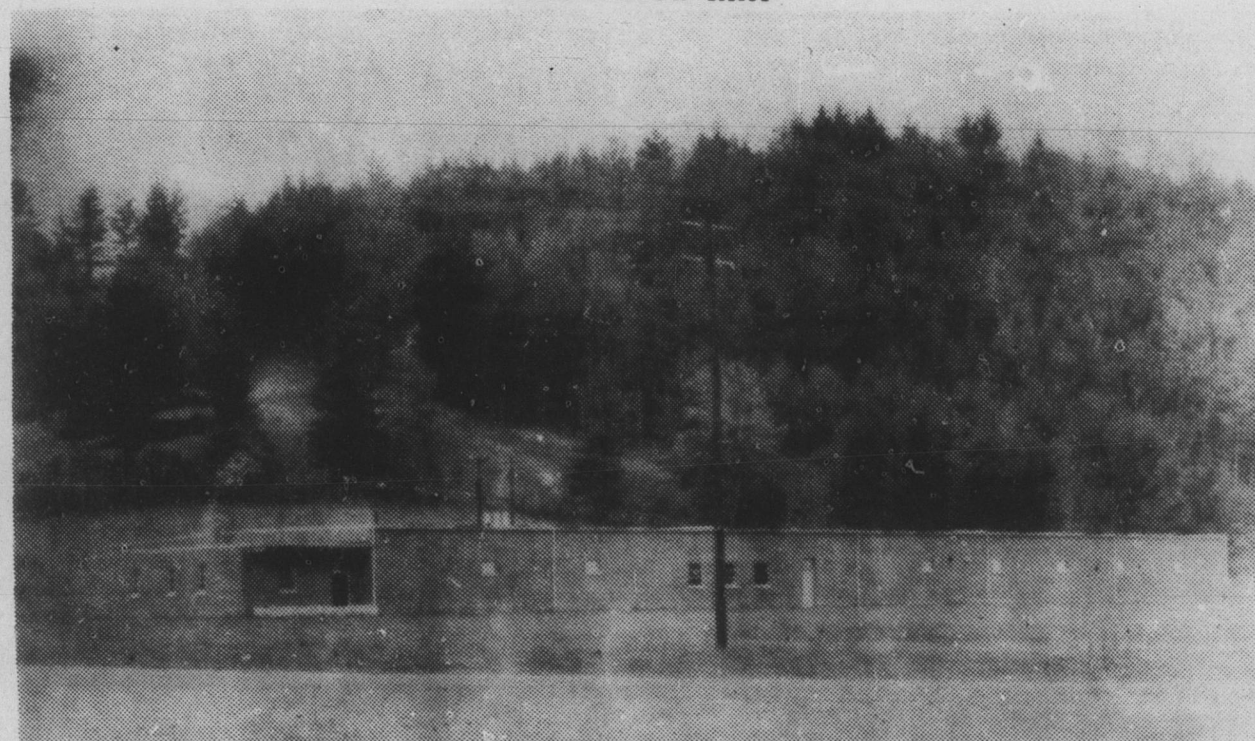


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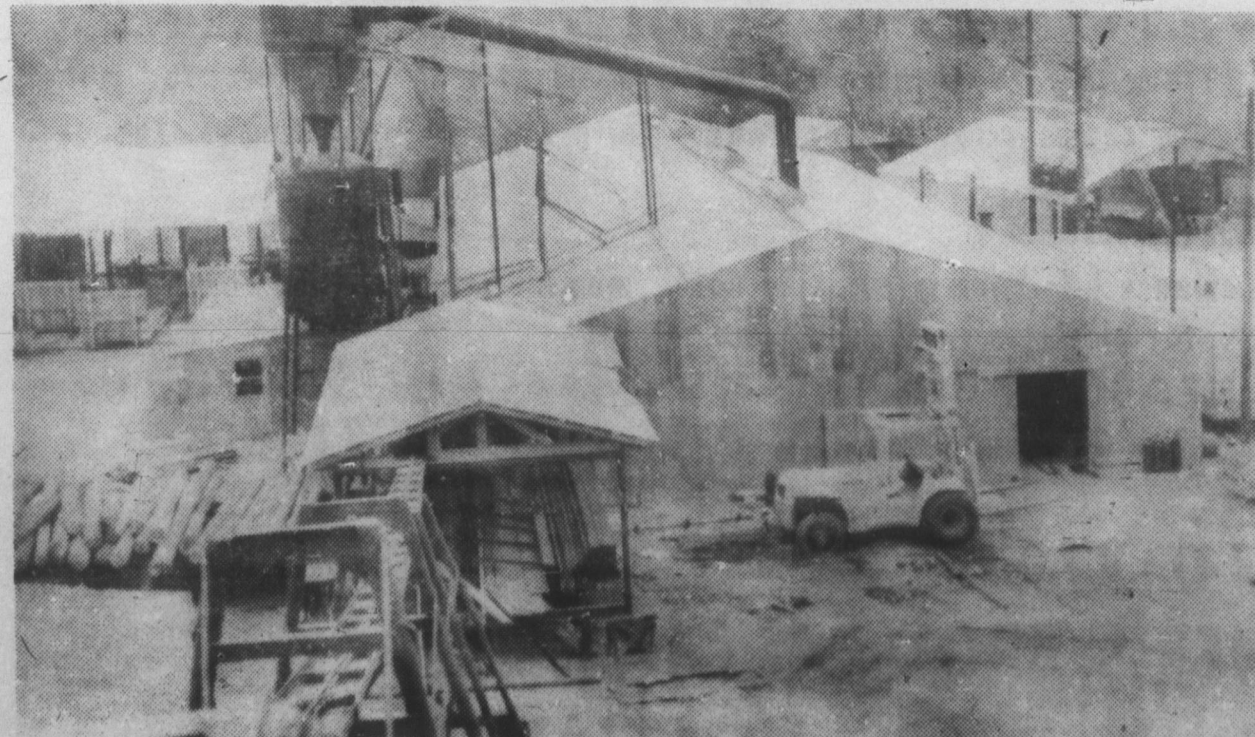
Glen Raven Mill



Burnsville Hosiery Mill



Burnsville Mill Of Mohasco Industries



Banco Sawmill

Glen Raven Second Largest

Employer In County

The Glen Raven Mill, with about 210 employees, is the second largest employer in Yancey County.

This highly automated mill produces plain and fancy weave fabrics—mostly taffetas—of the two synthetics, nylon and dacron. Output is at the rate of about 23 million yards a year—which testifies to the efficiency of the operation.

Large amounts of the cloth produced by Glen Raven go into nurses' and waitresses' uniforms, into various types of sport clothing, such as ski jack-

ets, and also into the sails of small pleasure boats.

Donald Burhoe is the Vice President and General Manager; Bill Silver the Superintendent of the mill.

The Burnsville Mill is one of ten mills in the family owned Glen Raven business, with headquarters in Glen Raven, North Carolina. Eight of the mills are in North Carolina; one in Canada, and one in Holland. In this chain of textile mills a wide variety of products is produced, including hosiery, outdoor fabrics, such as awning material, knit goods and yarn.

Burnsville Hosiery Mill In

New Building

The Burnsville Hosiery Mill, of which C. O. Ellis is the proprietor, is getting settled in its modern, 28,000 square foot building just west of town. Previously this enterprise was located within the town limits in an old building on North Main Street.

This mill, now employing about forty, produces the heavier grades of men's socks—work socks, athletic socks, and the

like. At present about half the output is going to the armed forces.

Not only is their new building ultra-modern, but the knitting machinery and other equipment is of the latest efficient, automated type. Ellis is a firm believer that the way to prosper in the highly competitive hosiery industry is to employ the most efficient modern machinery.

Mohasco, Largest Industry In County

The Burnsville Mill of Mohasco Industries, with about 265 employees, is the largest industry in Yancey County. This plant, of which Ted Ballou is manager, manufactures carpet yarn. This is shipped to other Mohasco plants, located chiefly in South Carolina and New York, where it is woven into carpets. The finished carpets are marketed under the brand names "Mohawk", "Alexander Smith", and "Firth".

Mohasco Industries is a very large company, with 25 plants having combined employment of about 11,000, and annual sales in 1966 of \$186,000,000. The Company not only makes the three brands of carpets, but in

recent years has expanded, through acquisitions, into the furniture business. In this it is leading in a trend toward the formation of "home furnishing" industries, which supply not only furniture and carpets, but in some cases textiles as well.

The carpet yarn produced here in Burnsville is made of a variety of materials. Some is wool, the traditional rug material, but much, now is made from the newer synthetics.

The Burnsville Mill, as is evident from the employment figures, is one of the smaller of the Mohasco plants. It is hoped that it may at some time be expanded, altho the limited size of the plant site is an obstacle to such a desired step.

Banco Mill Nearing Completion

Of the several sawmill operations in Yancey County, the new Banco Mill, now under construction and nearing completion, is of special interest as it is rising heroically from the ashes of a plant burned to the ground at Newdale.

The new mill, on Prices Creek a short distance from 19E, is expected to be in operation next week. It will be among the largest in the area, and with its highly automated machinery, one of the most efficient.

Prior to the Newdale fire, the Banco operation, headed by Bill Banks, employed directly, and indirectly through contract crews, about 40 men. As with other sawmill operations in this area, the product, consisting mostly of hard woods, goes largely into furniture and flooring, with some framing and sheathing produced.

The Newdale mill, whose operation was revived on a small scale after the 1965 fire, has now been closed.