

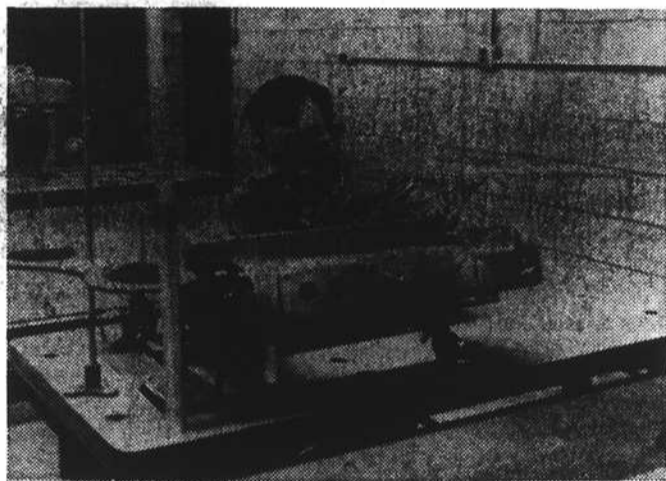
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Maysville Garment Company Nearing Completion of Plant



This is a longer view of the row-on-row of machines that will be the major tools employed in the Maysville Garment Company to turn out late model dresses in considerable volume. More than a hundred people are expected to be employed in the plant when it reaches full production in the near future.



Here Mechanic George Ginn is seen making adjustments to one of the 47 electric sewing machines that will soon be humming in the Maysville Garment Company plant which is now nearing completion. The plant is located on the east side of US 17 in the southern edge of Maysville. It is windowless and will be completely weather - conditioned for hot or cold weather. Elmer Houston of Jacksonville is president of the corporation which is opening this facility in the near future.

Lenoir County's Highway Death Toll For 1965 Far Below 1964 Record High

With just two more days to go the 1965 highway death toll for Lenoir County has dropped far below the bloody all - time bad record of 1964.

Through Wednesday, December 29th, 11 persons have been killed in highway accidents this year. Last year's record death toll was 33.

The drop in deaths is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the accident rate in the county is higher than last year. In the full 12 months of '64 Highway Patrolmen investigated 474 accidents and in the first 11 months of this year they had filled out reports on 466.

The 1965 death parade in Lenoir County did not begin until March 4th when Alex Lee Wainwright of Kinston was killed in a one - car accident just south of Kinston on US 258.

Highway death then took another long holiday in Lenoir County — until June 5th —

when five year-old Earl Stuart of La Grange route 2 ran into the path of a car just west of La Grange on US 70.

The first multi-fatality accident of the year in Lenoir came on July 4th when a one-car accident on Tower Hill Road snuffed out three lives. Those of Alonzo Wynn, 29, Lica Hart, six months, both of Kinston, route 6 and Junior Platt, 31, of Kinston.

August claimed one more on the 8th when Naurice Thomas Bishop, 35, of Philadelphia was killed in a single car accident three miles north of Kinston on the Snow Hill highway.

October proved to be the deadliest month of the year, claiming four lives — three in one two-vehicle wreck at Albritton Crossroad south of Kinston.

James Bruce Hardy, 20, of Kinston route 2, was the first October fatality, losing his life in a one-car accident just north

By Jack Rider

If this item sound unusually vague, even for the JOURNAL, it is basically for lack of information, which will become more obvious as the story goes on.

Undoubtedly, after viewing it from the inside and outside the new plant of the Maysville Garment Company is now nearing completion, but the opening date is not publicly announced.

Thursday the manager of a sister-plant at Swansboro declined to even speculate, saying with understandable respect for his superiors, that he'd prefer any statement of any kind to be made by Elmer Houston, of Jacksonville, who is president of the Maysville Garment Company and the Swansboro Garment Company and Houston Construction Company of Jacksonville.

Undoubtedly, Houston would be happy to make a statement but catching a busy many on the fly by telephone with a press deadline is something easier said than done.

Maysville Mayor Nolan Jones' phone would not answer either; so we have nothing left but speculation.

Which includes the known fact that the plant will make dresses; that the cutting will be done in New York and only sewing, inspecting, pressing and packaging are to be done in Maysville.

There are 47 modern electric sewing machines ready and rearing to go in the plant. There is space for addition of more machines.

Despite the lack of information included here, there is no doubt about the fact that the company is happily welcome to Maysville and Jones County; a sentiment shared 110 per cent by the JONES JOURNAL. May it grow in size and far surpass the "around 100" workers it is expected to employ when it opens in "the near future."

of Kinston on the Snow Hill Road.

The next day three lives were claimed when a truck driven by George Hodges Sutton, 58, of La Grange route 3 pulled from a rural side road onto NC 11 and was hit by the northbound car of Mrs. Betty Murphy Turner, 28, of Pink Hill. Mrs. Hazel Whaley Nobles, 33, of Pink Hill, a passenger in the Turner car died from injuries in the same crash.

In December — so far — one fatal accident has taken place on a rural road south of Kinston where Mrs. Wanda Johnson Rhodes, 25, of Kinston was instantly killed in a one - car wreck.

July of 1964 in Lenoir County included more dead than all the accidents so far in '65. That month saw 13 deaths on Lenoir highways.

This year only one pedestrian death has been recorded, and paradoxically enough eight of the 11 killed this year were killed in one-car accidents.

High speed was the major factor blamed for seven of those eight one-car fatalities.

Driest Fall in Recent Years Causing Concern Over Possible Cycle Change

Freakish Accident Seriously Injures

Jones County Youth

A freakish accident last Friday critically injured 18 year old Gregory Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aiken Jones of Trenton route 1.

The Jones Central senior and a brother were flying a model airplane that went out of control and struck Jones in the temple. The toy struck with sufficient force to cause a skull fracture and a bone fragment hit his brain.

Saturday he underwent an emergency operation at Duke Hospital to remove the bone sliver and was reportedly much improved this week. He was unable to speak until after the operation but has reportedly regained his speech since the operation.

Six New Classes Begin New Week At Lenoir College

Classes starting at the Lenoir County Community College during the first week in January include the following:

Monday, January 3, Advanced Typing, Welding and Beginning Automobile Mechanics.

Tuesday, January 4 Office Machines I and II, Basic Drafting (Machine & Architect) and Data Processing.

Persons interested in enrolling in any of these classes should attend the organization meeting held at 7 p. m. on the nights listed.

Shotgun Accident

A Christmas Eve shotgun accident claimed the life of 13 year - old Clinton Ray Blow, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Blow of Kinston route 6. A shotgun left at a barn where a pig was being barbecued was picked up by nine year - old Jerry McNair, son of Leora McNair of the same neighborhood, who pulled the trigger of the 12 gauge weapon. The full blast struck the other child at close range, almost blowing his head completely off. Coroner Raymond Jarman ruled the death accidental.

Jones' Auto Death Toll Cut in Half Over Last Year

With two more days to go in 1965 the highway death toll so far in Jones County totals four — just half of the 1964 toll of eight.

Jones County's first '65 highway death came on March 19th when Larry Augustus Griffin, 53, of Kinston lost control of his car on US 258 at Hargett Crossroad and was instantly killed.

On April 9th Travania Bryant, 4, of Brockland, N. Y. was killed in an accident just north of Pollocksville on US 17.

On May 24th Henry Calvin Helms of Kinston route 3 died in a one car accident 12 miles west of Trenton on a rural paved road.

The last fatality of the year — so far — came on November 16th when Camp Lejeune Marine Donald L. Vincent, 18, was instantly killed in a one-car crash north of Pollocksville on US 17.

| Month | LTA* | 1964 | 1965 |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| January | 3.03 | 5.60 | 2.38 |
| February | 3.46 | 6.10 | 4.60 |
| March | 3.50 | 3.74 | 4.07 |
| April | 3.18 | 3.30 | 2.15 |
| May | 3.64 | 2.60 | 5.39 |
| June | 4.62 | 8.69 | 10.57 |
| July | 7.08 | 5.94 | 14.07 |
| August | 5.83 | 5.37 | 1.44 |
| September | 4.79 | 8.62 | 2.98 |
| October | 2.58 | 5.98 | 1.82 |
| November | 2.95 | 1.16 | 1.91 |
| December | 3.17 | 3.62 | .83 |
| Totals | 47.83 | 61.18 | 52.21 |

* Long Term Average

At this time of the year when farmers are not at their very busiest in Eastern North Carolina one of the favorite pastimes is speculation about the weather. Feathers on birds, shucks on corn and other ancient indicators are checked to determine if the winter is to be mild or severe.

And with recent widespread publicity about prolonged drought in many parts of the country a worried farm eye or two is turned in the direction of a possible change in the whether cycle for Central East Carolina.

The driest fall in many years is causing many to wonder if this may not point toward a dry growing season for 1966, especially since this area has suffered excessive rainfall during the major crop - growing months.

A look at the year - end records of Kinston Weather Observer Douglas Rouse indicates that the rain in Kinston for 1965 was well above the "Long Term Average." Through December 29th — and with little chance of rain before the year end — Kinston's official rainfall for '65 is 52.21 inches, which is 4.38 inches above the long term average of 47.83 inches.

Some say that this year only seems dry by comparison with 1964 when Kinston was deluged by 61.18 inches.

But a look at the tabulation included here shows that Kinston got 45.67 inches of its rain this year in the first eight months and only 6.54 inches during the four fall months. The fall of '64 saw 19.83 inches of rain and the long term average for the fall months is 13.49 inches.

Actually most farm observers at this time of the year are not worried a great deal about the dry fall, but all agree that it is the rain that soaks in the ground during the fall and winter that determines to a very large degree how well crops will do at planting in March, April and May.

The long term average rain for the first four months of the year is 13.17 inches and if those months happened to be a dry as the fourth last months of '65 then the price of irrigation equipment would be likely to jump several points locally.

From the optimistic side of the weather picture all farmers agree that East Carolina never had a finer season for harvesting corn and soy beans and for getting the land ready for next crop year.

Finally, when — and if those rains do come between now and April . . . don't growl too loudly. There're not pennies from heaven. They are hundreds of millions of dollars from heaven.

APPEAL DENIED

Sandy McNeil, twice convicted of burglary in Kinston, and now serving a 33 - year term for the offense had an appeal to the federal courts denied last week by Judge A. L. Butler of Clinton.