

# THE ERWIN CHATTER

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## Weddings



MRS. JAMES EDGAR McNEELY, JR.

On Saturday, April 13, Miss Doris Louise Murph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Edgar Murph of Fayetteville, formerly of Salisbury, was married to Mr. James Edgar McNeely, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Edgar McNeely of Cooleemee. The wedding took place at 5:30 P. M. in Coburn Memorial Methodist Church at Salisbury, with the Rev. A. C. Wagoner of Reidsville performing the double ring ceremony. After a trip to Florida, Mr. and Mrs. McNeely are at home with his parents until the first of June, when he will return to his studies at N. C. State College in Raleigh.



MR. AND MRS. L. G. SCOTT

Pictured above is Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Scott of Cooleemee who were married on April 13 at Saint Finbar Catholic Church in New York. Mrs. Scott is the former Miss Louise Zarillo of New York. Mr. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Scott of North Cooleemee. He was recently discharged from the navy and is now employed in the Production Control Department at Mill No. 3. The young couple are at present making their home with Mr. Scott's parents.

### COOLEEMEE OBSERVES

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zenship," sponsored by The Erwin Cotton Mills Company, was won by Peggy Brinegar.

### FORTUNE

Fortune came and loudly knocked At my door, with a cheery hail! But, alas for Fortune's labors, I was over at my neighbor's Pouring out a tale.

—The Mill Whistle.

# Your REPORTERS

## Say . . .

## Bleachery and Vat Dye

### Reporting:

JANICE EATON,  
SARAH BOWLES,  
JOHN FRANK GARWOOD  
RUBY ALEXANDER,  
WILLIE BROWN

To the Bleachery we welcome back four of our veterans—Thomas Gaither, James G. Deal, Foy Bailey and Graham Durham.

We welcome back Eugene W. Milholen to the Finishing Plant as our Lot Clerk.

Among the boys we have back on their jobs from service are the following: Ray Brown, Army, 4 months, 9 days; G. W. Summers, Army, 3 years; Fred Tutterow, Army, 3 years; Ben Bowles, Army, 3 years; June Fleming, Army, 20 months, and was wounded in action in France; James Luckey, Army, 41 months; William Wetmore, Army, 44 months; Hubert Shoaf, Navy, 4 years; Tom Carter, Navy, 4 years; Lester Anderson, Army, 36 months, 23 days; John Frank Garwood, Navy, 3½ years; James Deal, Army, 2 years, 9 months; Graham Durham, Army, 4 years, 2 weeks; Tom Gaither, Navy, 1 year, 10 months.

Hey, Fred! What's the idea of trying to sell the girl a horse? Guess you thought there'd be a chance of getting to go over to see how the horse liked his new home. Ha! Ha! No trade.

Amy Crawford says when she bets that it's only for fun although it sometimes costs her a trip to the city (Mocksville) to collect her money back.

One would think the war was

still going on when June Fleming throws out a barrel. The boys almost hit the floor. No foxholes in here!

James Cartner says if it's "cats" you want, see him.

"Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." "That's not according to Hoyle," says George Jones, since he came on the first shift and the mill only running three days. Oh, well! Brighter days ahead.

George Williams reports that Edgar Frye has lost a very funny looking dog. If found please notify Frye.

"Maggie" came to work the other day with a blue shirt on. My, how he had changed. Yours truly hardly recognized him. Could it be a new dye he has perfected?

One can certainly tell whether or not we're having P-231 on the menu. One sees Frank Sain and June Fleming carrying three buckets of dye each and trying to fly. Watch your step, boys, "broken bones mend slowly."

Faye Daniels certainly does paddle that cloth. Rumors are that she wore out three new paddles in one week.

We are glad to welcome the following new employees to our department: Kenneth Holt, George Snider, Edward Durham, Bruce Allmon, Rooney McElroy and Erwin Wilson.

We also want to welcome back the following servicemen to our department: William Shoaf, Charles Beauchamp and Felix Cartner.

We are glad to report that Martin Latham's wife has returned home from the hospital after undergoing a serious operation and is now improving nicely.

## Carding

### Reporting:

HARRY STROUD,  
"SAM" BOGER

It looks good to see the green light burning again on our safety bulletin after getting off to, shall we say, "not too good a start." We hope to keep it that way by cooperating with each other in working safely.

Several of our employee veterans are returning to the plant. On the first shift we are glad to welcome back John Phelps, William Nesbit, James McNeely and Everett Gales. It sure looks good to see these fellows back with us. We are proud of all our servicemen.

Mrs. Katherine Waters, one of the first shift reporters, remains quite ill at her home in Mocksville. It is the wish of all Card Room workers for her a complete and speedy recovery.

Miss Viola Cartner, our office lady for the last several years, has been transferred to fill a vacancy in the Superintendent's (Continued on page 3)

## Engaged



MISS MARY RIDDLE

Mrs. W. L. Riddle has announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Mary (above), to S/Sgt. George W. Milholen, United States Army, June 7 at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Cooleemee, N. C.

## SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

It is a fine tribute to our veterans of World War II that they are receiving so many compliments in connection with their splendid performance as they return to their jobs with the Company. One hears from all sources, including mill managers, office managers, mill superintendents, department supervisors, and other employees who come in contact with these veterans, favorable comments as to their work and attitude.

We are not surprised to hear these words of praise for our veterans. During the war our servicemen and women, working and fighting side by side with their comrades from other sections of the United States and with our gallant allies, performed one of the outstanding military feats of all history. They won a most glorious victory over militarily strong adversaries. They have come back now to carry on in peace as they did in war.

It is good to have our veterans back with us and it is an inspiration to all of us to see them tackle their civilian jobs with the same fine spirit that enabled them to win the war so quickly and decisively. We salute our veterans!

## FOOD FOR PEACE

Gardens have come to be a part of the pattern of things for most of us due to the drive for wartime conservation and homefront production of food through Victory gardens. Yet it is just this year that Victory gardens really begin to have a true meaning. We have won victory on the battlefield and now the battle for the peace is on. The many agencies, national and international, that must see to the food supply of the nation and the world emphasize that this year the food shortages will be greater than ever before. WHY? Europe for the most part has been on the edge of starvation for many years and if these people are to be again settled and adjusted to peace they must be healthy. Due to the dislocation of peoples and the ravages of war farms in Europe and Asia have not yet begun to reach adequate production. Added to this fact is the untimely occurrence of droughts and floods that have ruined many crops and intensified the world food shortage. So for the sake of food for our own tables, it is almost imperative that each household cultivate bigger and better gardens this year with an eye to canning all that is possible for next winter. Get yours started now.

## NEVER SAY DIE

If at times things look black and you feel that you are losing confidence in yourself, remember the experiences of Edison, Woolworth, Marconi and other men who forged ahead despite obstacles.

When Edison was in school, doctors predicted he would end up with brain trouble because he couldn't remember his three R's. Woolworth was hired as a floor-sweeper at 50 cents a day because the store owner didn't think he had any merchandising ability. And Marconi was continually be-

ing scolded by his father for "wasting time" experimenting with radio.—The Mill Whistle.

## IT ISN'T EASY

To control one's temper. To resist conceit in the face of applause. To confess to a mistake. To smile when despondent. To see the humor of a situation when the joke is on you. To forgive quickly. To avoid jealousy. To halt criticism of others. To be temperate in all matters. To be unselfish. To keep on trying. But it always pays in the end.—The Mill Whistle.