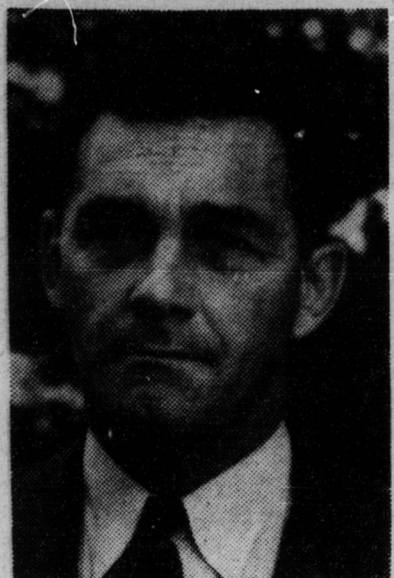


## Mr. Marks Given Important Labor Department Post



MR. MARKS

### To Be Chief Advisor On Safety Work

W. G. Marks, Training and Safety Director in the Industrial Relations Department, has resigned from the Company to accept a position as chief safety advisor for the Division of Labor Standards in the U. S. Department of Labor. Mr. Marks was just offered this recently and asked to be relieved to take this new and important place with the Federal Government as soon as he could leave his work in proper order.

He has been with the Company since August, 1943. He was working with the Department of Labor prior to entering private industry.

While with the Company, he has organized a well-coordinated safety program and helped to install a training program for production supervision as well as for other specialized divisions of textile personnel. In his new job, Mr. Marks will coordinate and advise in the organization of the safety program carried on by the Labor Department in Washington. He has just resigned as chairman of the "off-the-job" safety committee of the Textile Section of the National Safety Council.

While in Durham, he was very active in community affairs, and it will be remembered that while he and his family were living in Cooleemee they took an active interest in local activities, particularly in helping develop recreational programs. He has been very interested in horseshoes and has promoted this sport not only in areas in which Erwin plants are located, but over the State and Southeast as well. His other recreation interests have been checkers and chess.

Mr. Marks first served as editor of THE CHATTER, and he has been cooperative in making pictures from time to time for use in the newspaper.

Mr. and Mrs. Marks and their children, Betty Ann and Billy, are now at home at 2719 Thirteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Before leaving the office, the personnel of the Erwin Auditorium in Durham and the members of the Industrial Relations Department presented Mr. Marks with an electric desk clock as a memento of their friendship and best wishes to him in his new job.



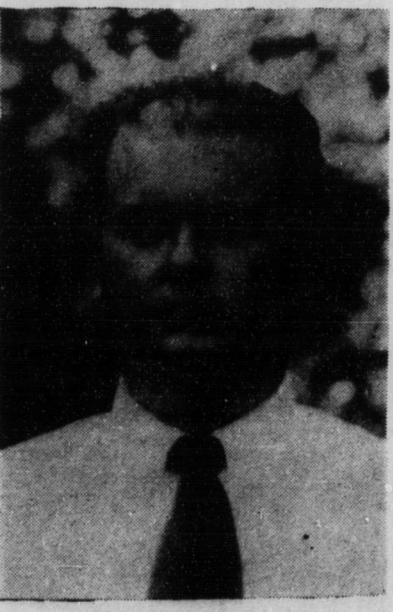
## Softball Teams In Full Swing

### Other Activities Being Planned

Four softball teams have been organized in the various departments of Plant No. 3 and are now competing with each other for the plant championship and the traditional barbecue dinner given the winning team.

Mr. Ralph Sinclair, teacher and coach here next year, is directing the play. He is also at present working on plans for other activities, including tennis, shuffleboard and horseshoes and is assisting Mrs. Isley on Park Hill.

Everyone is interested in recreation of some sort. Come out and play as often as possible.



RALPH SINCLAIR

## Safety Committees Praised By Vice-President Harris

### RECREATION AND COMMUNITY NEWS

The most popular game on the playground this summer is tennis. The eight and ten year olds are learning to play. The Girl Scouts have the court three afternoons a week, and the teen-age boys two afternoons.

Jack Riddle's new baseball teams which he organized on the playground have played two games with Farmington and won both games. They have more games scheduled.

Fourteen Girl Scouts went on a camping trip and report a fine time. They camped on the Crawford farm again this year. Chaperones were Mrs. C. W. Shepherd and Ethel Spry.

The Library has the following new books:

- Keyes, THE RIVER ROAD
- Howard, BEFORE THE SUN GOES DOWN
- Woods, PREPARING THE WAY
- Yerby, THE FOXES OF HARROW
- Porcelain, THE CRIMSON CAT MURDERS
- Michel, THE PSYCHIATRIC MURDERS
- Smith, BECAUSE OF MY LOVE
- Houston, THE GREAT PROMISE
- Chase, I LOVE MISS TILLI BEAN
- MacDonald, THE EGG AND I
- Wakeman, THE HUCKSTERS
- Bridge, SINGING WATERS

C. R. Harris, Vice-President of the Company, in a recent interview stated that he felt the service of employees on safety committees together with their supervisors, who in most instances act as chairmen of the committee, was one of the greatest single factors in achieving accident-free-work records. "I am sure," Mr. Harris stated, "that any employee serving on one of these committees realizes that management appreciates their efforts in this important work and knows that they, too, feel a definite sense of responsibility in aiding their fellow employees to avoid accidents."

Too often employee safety committee members take their job for granted, not realizing that when selected for service on the committees they are placed in a position of leaders in safety to do a most important job within their own departments. When an employee is selected to serve on a safety committee meeting, his supervisor is in effect asking him to give a little more serious consideration to remove any hazards that might be present and to try and convince other employees that safety means only the application of common sense.

Those employees who are not serving on safety committees should commend safety committee members for a sincere desire to promote their fellow-workers' welfare. A safety committee, while it may not seem important, is nevertheless the most important part of our program. It is an honor to serve on a safety committee and those who are now serving gladly, do so even though at times they might be slightly inconvenienced in making an inspection or attending a meeting.

Let's give credit where credit is due. Your safety committee member deserves a vote of thanks and should YOU be asked to serve, it is an opportunity that every employee should be anxious to have.

THE CHATTER staff is anxious that each issue of THE CHATTER reach all men from Cooleemee still in service. Give the address to your department reporter or to the Employment Office and THE CHATTER will be mailed to them.

## COOLS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

- August 3—Liberty at Cooleemee.
- August 10—Ellis X Roads Indians at Cooleemee.
- August 17—Fork at Cooleemee.
- August 24—Cooleemee at Providence.
- August 31—Needmore at Cooleemee.

## Safety Contests End August 31

Both the Inter-Plant and the Inter-Departmental Safety Contests will end August 31st. At the present time Mill No. 3 is in second place and Finishing No. 3 is in fourth in the Inter-Plant Contest.

In the Inter-Departmental Contest in the mill the Warp Room, Warehouse, and Yard are leading and stand to participate in prizes. In the Finishing Plant the Napper Room, Bleachery, and Cloth Room are on top.

Remember you are not competing with other departments, but rather to improve last year's record. Thus every department has the same chance to win. Keep August free of accidents and win these contests.

## INTER-PLANT SAFETY CONTEST

	Acc. Rate '46 Cont.	Improvement Over Last Year
No. 4 Bleachery	9.9	100% Better
Plant No. 3	7.9	54% Better
Plant No. 1	7.8	53% Better
No. 3 Finishing	8.7	51% Better
Plant No. 6	5.9	15% Worse
Plant No. 5	18.1	17% Worse
Plant No. 4	6.3	34% Worse
Cloth Room-Erwin	16.1	52% Worse
Total all Mills	9.4	17% Better

KEEP AUGUST FREE OF ACCIDENTS!

The manager and members of the "Cools" baseball club want to take this opportunity to thank their friends and baseball fans who gave so generously to the support of the Cooleemee "Cools" in their recent drive in Plant No. 3.

Each player appreciates your interest and invites you to come out and see them play.

## ATTENDANCE RECORD

(Week Ending June 16, 1946)

Plant No. 3	90.32
Plant No. 5	89.90
Plant No. 2	88.86
Plant No. 6	87.24
Finishing No. 4	85.80
Plant No. 4	83.95
Plant No. 1	81.96

This is a good record, but all plants should be 90% or better in attendance. As we fight "The Battle of Production" let each of us be on the job every day!

## Erwin Cotton Mills Lost \$47,000 To Help Cooleemee Bank Depositors

Nothing was said about it at the time, but now that the affairs of the Bank of Cooleemee have been practically liquidated and closed up, The Cooleemee Journal has learned that The Erwin Cotton Mills Company put up and guaranteed \$109,000.00 during the depression when the banks were closing, in order to save the Bank of Cooleemee. The Erwin Mills felt that it was worth the risk to save the depositors and the community all of the griefs and disturbing influence that the closing of the bank would have brought about. Mill officials have not given out

details in this generous act of the Company, but it has been learned that the Company recovered more than half of the money it put up from the assets of the Bank of Cooleemee and had a loss, after the closing of the Bank of Cooleemee's affairs, of approximately \$47,000.00.

The Erwin Mills, after coming to the rescue of the Bank of Cooleemee, then urged the Durham Bank and Trust Company to open a branch at Cooleemee, which it established and which has been serving the community efficiently ever since.—The Cooleemee Journal.