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## OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

**In America and the World over**

*The chimes of bells, the songs of carolers... the music of Christmas hymns... This is a season of harmony and reverence, when all people reaffirm the hopes and faith of mankind.*

*Let us pledge ourselves, with true solemnity, to work and pray for*

**Peace on earth... Good will toward men.**

## FIRST LUNCHEON MEETING OF COOLEEMEE STAFF IS HELD

The first luncheon meeting of the Cooleemee staff of the employee newspaper was held at Riverside Hotel on Saturday at noon, November 16th. A turkey dinner was served the large group gathered for discussion of plans for continued interest in the newspaper.

Following the informal meal, H. W. Calvert, editor-in-chief of THE CHATTER, spoke to the group about the history of this employee activity and mentioned that it was fitting that the first real staff celebration should be held in Cooleemee since the paper had its beginning here under W. G. Marks. He went on to praise the group for their cooperation and reporting and pointed out the many problems connected with representing their various departments. "The employees do appreciate the paper and what you are doing, although they may not always seem to be cooperative in aiding you in gathering news," he stated, "and your continued working in this phase of employee morale is contributing to the welfare of the group you represent."

Mr. Calvert then introduced E. M. Holt, manager, who was a special guest and speaker for the meeting.

"The Erwin Chatter belongs to the people of the Erwin Mills and its community," said Mr. Holt. "The paper is supposed to report doings and happenings of the Erwin family of employees. Never has the paper been used nor will it be used for purely Company propaganda or as a tool for Company purposes other than employee morale."

Mr. Holt went on to express the fact that he wished the reporters to view their volunteer work as being work for the Erwin family as a whole and that they were getting their remuneration in the fact that they were serving—serving to make the Erwin family a closer knit organization by bringing to their

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## Plants To Stand For Pre-Xmas Holidays

All plants will close down for the Christmas Holidays Friday night, December 20, at the end of the third shift. The mills will start up the following Thursday morning, December 26, on the first shift at 6:00 A. M.

The plants in all areas will be in operation Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 26, 27 and 28.

## Christmas Cantata Will Be Presented

A Christmas Cantata, The Choir of Bethlehem by Noel Benson, under the direction of Miss Mariola Crawford, will be presented in the Cooleemee Methodist Church on Sunday, December 22, at the 11 o'clock service.

Special soloists to be included on the program are Peggy Brinegar, Mrs. Ben Mitchell, Nancy Ridenhour and Marvin Spry. Others participating in the presentation of the Cantata will be as follows: Sopranos, Victoria Byerly, Mrs. J. G. Crawford, Mrs. C. W. Shepherd, Mary Shepherd, and Margaret Skinner; altos, Mrs. Baxter Gibson, Mrs. M. H. Hoyle, Imogene Isley, Margaret Kirk, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Nesbit, and Peggy Wyrick; tenors, O. D. Booe and S. C. Phelps; bass, C. F. Bahnsen.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

## Xmas Seal Sale

A successful 1946 Seal and Health Bond sale will provide funds for preventing ALL cases of tuberculosis. The Seal Sale is the only support of the county tuberculosis associations. The Christmas Seal Sale will carry on the association's regular case-finding, rehabilitation and health education program.

The 1945 and other years' Seal Sales have prevented tuberculosis in areas all over the country. The mass X-ray of thousands of WELL people in this state have revealed many cases of tuberculosis. These people have been isolated and the chain of infection broken at the source.

The Christmas Seal Sale is a GOOD HEALTH INVESTMENT for each member of the community. Christmas seals may be procured from students of the Cooleemee School.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEAR CLUB HAS FIRST ANNUAL DINNER DEC. 14

## Safety Suggestion Contest in January

The Safety Department and local management announced today that for the month of January there would be a safety suggestion contest. The amount of twenty-five dollars will be awarded for the best safety suggestion that is approved and adopted for use in the plant or plants.

All suggestions must be written giving a description of the hazard involved and the corrective measure to be taken. All these suggestions should be turned in to the overseers who will then pass them on to the Safety Department for consideration and practical usefulness.

All suggestions must be turned in by January 31. Award will be announced as soon as possible in February. All employees are urged to participate in this contest as no one yet knows what suggestion, however small, might be of most practical application. Duplicate suggestions are not anticipated, but in case of a tie the prize will be equally divided.

## New Safety Posters

Attention is called to the new safety posters that are being issued from the Safety and Training Office. Glenn Penland is enlarging cartoon drawings from the National Safety Council in composing these black and white posters.

## NOTICE

Christmas Holidays for the Cooleemee Schools will begin Friday, December 20. Classes will be resumed on Monday, January 6, at 8:30 o'clock.

The first annual dinner of the Twenty-Five Year Club in Cooleemee was held Saturday evening, December 14, at 6 o'clock in the Cooleemee Methodist Church. This was the occasion for the organization of the Club and about one hundred members of the local plants with twenty-five years or more service attended.

Following invocation by E. K. Sedberry, one of the Club members, remarks by Carl R. Harris, Vice President and Assistant Treasurer, were made. Mr. Harris welcomed all the twenty-five year employees and other guests and stated the reasons for the dinner and the Club. In conclusion, he read the foreword from the booklet printed for each member: "A mill is much more than a building—it is the workers in a plant that make the machinery move and that make a business grow. It is, therefore, a privilege tonight to recognize the faithful and loyal service of men and women who have made Erwin products famous for their quality throughout the country, and the Erwins Mills outstanding

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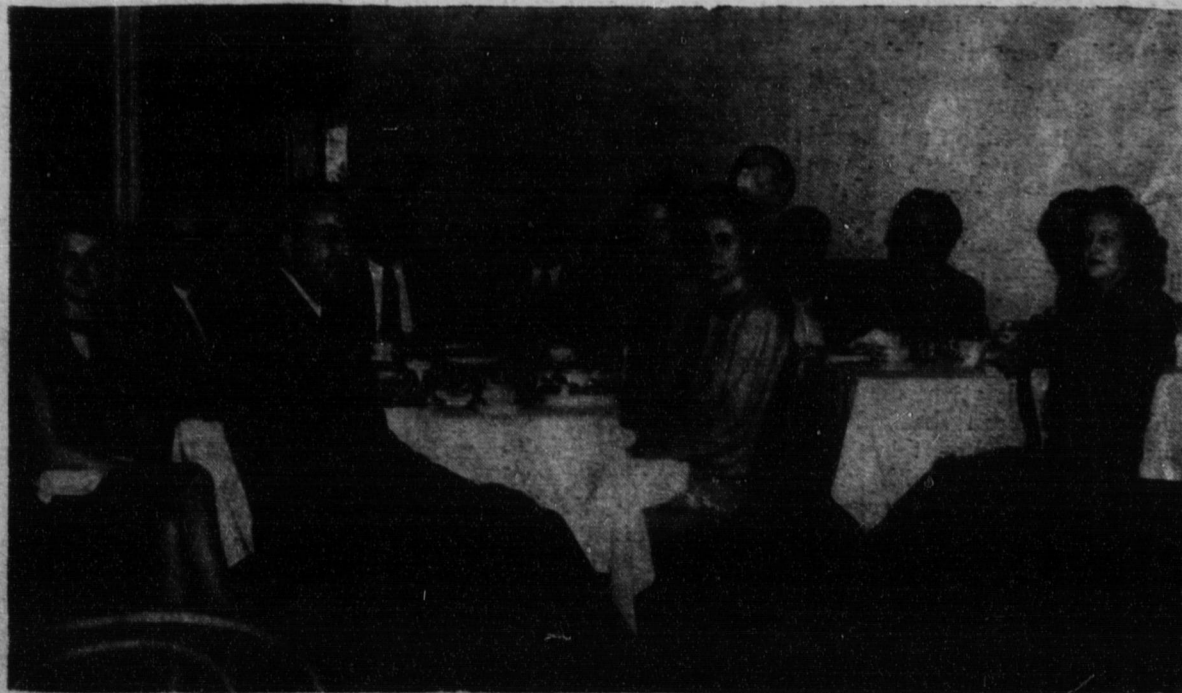
## NOTICE

An announcement was made from the executive offices last Friday that each family represented in the membership of the Company would receive a nice dressed turkey before the Christmas Holidays closed the plant.

Plans for the distribution of the turkeys will be made at a later date.

In making the announcement, the Company extended its Yuletide Greetings with the following message:

"As we approach the Christmas Season The Erwin Cotton Mills Company extends to each of its employees every good wish and trusts that the holidays may be very happy for you."



CHATTER STAFF ENJOYS TURKEY DINNER AT RIVERSIDE—Seen here are reporters and staff members of the paper as they gathered for a luncheon meeting to discuss plans for this employee activity. (Left to right) Elizabeth Hartley, Margaret Bailey, Geneva Gregory, Juanita Fleming, Emma Hoffman, Emma Ray Spry, Margaret Skinner, Claudie Boger, Carolyn White, Janice Eaton, E. M. Holt, and H. W. Calvert. Present but not seen in the picture were Kelly Payne and Hodge Phifer.