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No. 7 Employee Sparks Community Project "Operation Playground"

CARL GREEN SAW NEED FOR RECREATION PROGRAM; TOOK UP COLLECTION AND MILL LEVELED LAND FOR GAMES

Carl Green, Smash Hand in the Weave Room at Neuse, is a man of ideas with the will to carry them through. He has been working at No. 7 Mill since 1952, and at the same time, he is studying for the ministry at Wake Forest College.

Saw Need for Playground

As a father of three small children, Carl was aware of the fact that the children of Neuse needed some sort of recreation program. He saw the possibility of making a play area on the Company-owned vacant lot next to his house. After he got approval to use the lot, he started planning where he would put what if he could get the equipment. To best serve the needs of the community, he decided to provide games which adults would enjoy as well as children.

Employees Donate Money

The next step in "Operation Playground" was to get the citizens of Neuse interested in his project. He began to talk about it to his fellow employees at the mill and they liked the idea. They liked it so much that in one day they donated enough money to buy all

the necessary equipment. That includes balls, bats, badminton and tennis rackets, croquet set, horse-shoes, and the nets for badminton, tennis, and volleyball courts.

Clearing Land

Children in the community volunteered their help in clearing the land of high grass and rocks. The management of Plant 7 was so impressed with the community spirit of cooperation that they arranged to have a bulldozer do the heavy work of leveling the lot and clearing space for the tennis and badminton courts.

Supervises Playground

In his spare time, Carl supervises games on the playground and has volunteered to help employees learn the rules of the games they do not know. He hopes that eventually there will be a picnic area and fireplace as part of the playground. Also, he believes that others in the community will volunteer to supervise games at the playground so that the equipment will be available all day long. Now, he can keep the equipment out only when he is not on the job at the mill.



The new playground at Neuse is the direct result of the interest and effort put forth by Carl Green, Smash Hand in No. 7 Weave Room. Shown with Carl are two of his children, Billy and Eva Jane.



▲ THE FIRST DAY'S WORK on "Operation Playground." Left to right: Douglas Frazer, Bobby Morton, Gene Green, Hubert Jenks, Dennis Leonard, J. B. O'Neal, and Linwood Barham.

▶ Erwin Mills hired a bulldozer to do the heavy work of leveling playground.

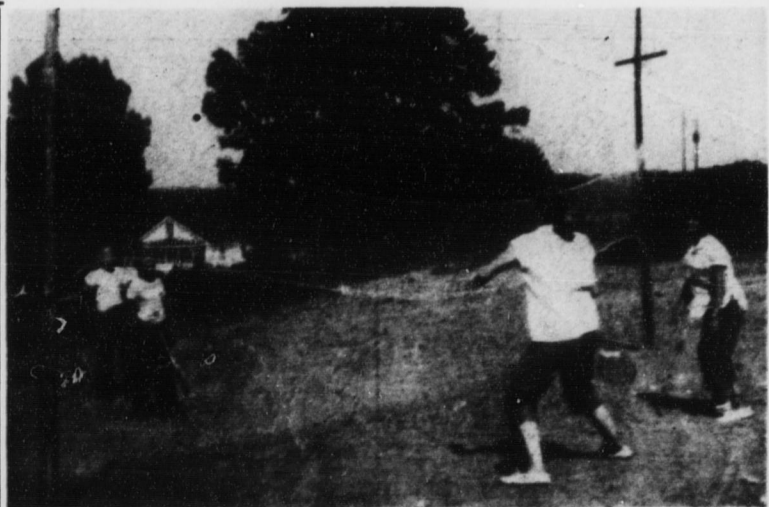


TRAINING CLASSES BEGIN NEXT MONTH

The Training Department announces that vocational education classes will start in Loom Fixing and Mill Calculations sometime around the middle of September. The exact starting time of these classes will be announced through the Company bulletin boards.

These courses are offered to all employees who are interested in advancing themselves in the textile field. They are offered to employees by the Company under the supervision of the State Department of Vocational Education and the Erwin Mills Training Department.

Upon satisfactory completion of a course, an employee will be presented with a diploma from the N. C. Department of Vocational Education. A permanent record of his achievement is kept in the Raleigh office of Vocational Education.



Elizabeth Fonville and Mary Etta Holmes challenge Dennis Leonard and John Fonville to a game of badminton on the new court.

NEUSE MANAGEMENT CHANGES MADE

L. E. Gatlin, Jr., Manager of No. 7 Mill, Neuse, resigned as of the latter part of July. Fred McDonald, who has been Overseer of Carding and Spinning for the past several months, will have full general supervision of the operations at Neuse. He will continue his present duties as Overseer and, in addition, will be Superintendent of the plant.

The payroll work, invoicing, and some other general office functions will be handled in Durham. The General Office at Neuse will be dispensed with and only functions necessary to production will be carried on there.



F. E. Grier, Chairman, Our Board of Directors

Abney Mills President is Elected at July Meeting; Fills Place Vacant Since Death of Mr. K. P. Lewis

F. E. Grier, President of The Abney Mills of Greenwood, S. C., was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of our Company on July 28. The office of Chairman of the Board has been vacant since the death of Mr. K. P. Lewis in June 1952.

To Serve in Advisory Capacity

Mr. Grier will continue to reside in Greenwood and to carry on his duties and responsibilities as President of The Abney Mills. He will serve the Erwin Mills in advisory and consultative capacity, which, as stated by President Ruffin, should prove to be most helpful and will be appreciated by himself and other officers and directors of the Company.

Readers of the CHATTER will recall full stories recently about The Abney Mills and its large operations in South Carolina.

Was Bank President

After graduation from Erskine College, Due West, S. C., in 1920, Mr. Grier began work in the book-keeping department of a bank in Rock Hill, S. C. He climbed swiftly to the top in the banking business, becoming President of the Bank of Greenwood in 1933. He served in that capacity until 1942 when the Abney family asked him to take over the presidency of The Abney Mills following the death of J. P. Abney.

No. 8 Spinning Is Safest Dept.

No. 4 Carpenter Shop Has Longest Record Without Lost Time Accident

Employees in the Spinning Department at Plant 8, Stonewall, Miss., have worked 1,432,377 man hours since their last lost time injury. Records in the Safety Department show that the last time a person suffered a lost time injury in that department was October 1948!

On the basis of man hours worked, No. 8 Carding is the next safest department in Erwin Mills. They have 962,612 man hours to their credit without a lost time accident.

No. 3 Weave Room, Cooleemee, holds third place with 954,152 man hours; No. 1 Spinning, Durham, has 846,915 man hours; and No. 2 Carding, Erwin, has 803,205 man hours since their last lost time injury.

Ten Years for Carpenter Shop

No. 4 Carpenter Shop, Durham, has the longest record of any department in Erwin Mills for working safely. They have the enviable record of working ten years without a lost time injury. No. 6 Shop and Yard crew can almost match that record of safety because their last lost time accident happened in January 1944.

No. 6 Carding Department can boast a record that goes back to July 1945; and No. 3 Dyehouse has worked since April 1946 without an on-the-job accident which caused an employee to be out of work. No. 3 Warehouse record goes back to December 1946.

Good Safety Record Helps All

Each employee in the department has done his share in making these excellent safety records. By working carefully and safely, he has helped the department . . . helped the mill . . . helped the Company . . . and most of all, he has helped himself because everyone knows that IT HURTS TO GET HURT!

ERWIN SHEETS ARE NOW IN COLORS

Our first orders for colored sheets and pillow cases are now being filled. The Erwin line of colors includes blue, maize, rose, green, pink, and lilac. Employees of the Sewing Room in Durham have the pleasure of hemming sheets and pillow cases in lovely pastel colors after working on all-white goods for many years.

We are making the colored sheets in both percale and muslin, in all popular sizes. Colored sheets will probably be made in fitted sizes as well.