



# THE ERWIN CHATTER



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## Personalities in Spotlight

### Asst. Manager Named For Cooleemee: M. R. Harden To Leave Stonewall, Miss.

On November 2, Claude W. Warren began his new duties as Assistant to L. James, Manager of our Cooleemee plants. Mr. Warren joined Erwin Mills in May of this year as Quality Control Supervisor of Weaving at all mills.

A veteran of twenty years experience in the cotton textile industry, Mr. Warren began his career as a weaver. He worked his way up as a Loom Fixer, Assistant Overseer, and Overseer. For the past nine years he has been with Dan River Mills, starting as a General Overseer, then Superintendent and later Assistant Manager of their Schoolfield Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren have two daughters, Shirley who is in college, and Nancy who is in the Eighth Grade.

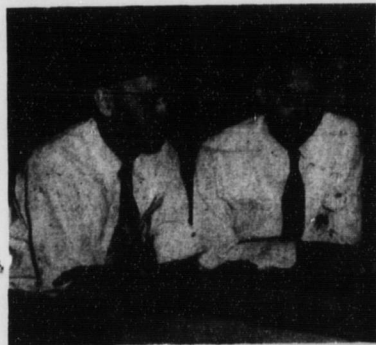


Claude W. Warren

### Changes in Mississippi

M. Ray Harden, first Erwin manager of the 81 year old Stonewall plant, has resigned effective about the first of the year. Before going to Mississippi in 1948, Mr. Harden was Superintendent of No. 4 Mill, Durham. He has twenty-two years service with Erwin Mills. Mr. Harden expects to return to Durham and will probably do some consulting work for the Company.

Superintendent O'Neil Walker has been appointed Manager of Plant 8, and John King, Asst. Superintendent, will become Superintendent.



M. E. Hitt and D. L. Gery

### Heads Engineering

D. L. Gery has recently been named Director of Plant Engineering Department for all mills. Previously, Mr. Gery was Chief Engineer for all mills in addition to his duties as coordinator of service and maintenance for the Durham mills.

M. E. Hitt has accepted a position in Durham as Superintendent of Services and Maintenance Department for Mills 1, 4 and 6. Mr. Hitt was formerly with The Abney Mills in Greenwood, South Carolina.



"White Sail" Made Up In Vogue Pattern

## Erwin Hits Market First With "White Sail" Cotton-Nylon Denim

### New Light-weight Denim Easier to Sew in Pleats & Tucks for Women's Wear

Our new fabric, "White Sail," is the first true dressweight denim on the market. The *Department Store Economist*, magazine for retail merchants, predicts that many resort and spring ready-to-wear fashions for 1954 will be made of "White Sail."

### Invisible Nylon

Woven at Cooleemee, "White Sail" is a blend of cotton and nylon. The nylon thread is invisible to the naked eye since it is used as a core in the filling yarn, completely encased in cotton. However, you don't have to see the nylon in "White Sail" to appreciate it. The feel of the cloth is different. It is crisp and light-weight; it has a beautiful hang and drape.

### Easy To Sew

The weight of "White Sail" is about four yards to the pound, or

the same weight as popular 80 x 80 percale. Because of this light weight, dressmakers can now use tucks and pleats in denim dresses. (See illustration above.)

"White Sail" is Sanforized and yarn dyed with vat colors. We are now making it in blue, red, brown, charcoal, pink, gold, green and straw. It has the same sturdy qualities of all-cotton denim, and washes and irons just like other cottons.

## 25 Year Club Banquets Scheduled For Members

### Water Over the Fall of Neuse

By Carl Greene

Water is flowing very slowly within the banks of the Neuse River these days, but the people in the community are busier than ever.

Upstream on the right bank, we see that some of the houses are being repaired. Down at the mill, there is the sound of the old mill whistle again—telling people it is time to go to work. The old lunch room has given way to smokers inside the mill. Inside the mill, there is a new and cleaner look. Even the floors have taken on the new look. The best looking thing is the production sheet which is clicking in the nineties and above.

### Scout Troop Organized

On the left bank of the Neuse River, everything is more quiet since school started. The playground is used only in the afternoons, and then not to the extent it was during the summer. The community has organized a Boy Scout Troop, something it has needed for a long time. Carl Greene and Carl Polston started the ball rolling by raising the money for the troop. Everyone in the mill contributed and the management of the mill furnished a meeting place. The group is known as Boy Scout Troop No. 312.

The church has been painted on the outside and the old rocky road leading up to the church is a smooth highway now. Many new people have moved in and are taking their places in our community to help make the Falls a better place in which to live, work and play.

### 34 To Receive Service Pins; J. B. Johnson and C. C. Campbell Honored For 50 Years With Co.

A total of 701 employees will be honored at the Twenty-five Year Club banquets this year. James Benton Johnson of No. 1 Weave Room, and Clark C. Campbell of No. 3 Spinning Room, will become members of the Fifty Year Club. They will receive specially engraved gold watches at the yearly banquets.

### Durham Banquet Program

Durham's Twenty-five Year Club banquet will be held at Erwin Auditorium on November 21 at 6:30 P.M. Musical entertainment will be furnished by accordionist Walter Ehr Gott. H. F. Sewell, Jr. will be the speaker for the evening. Mr. Sewell is an attorney from Carthage, N. C., and is a popular public speaker. There are 252 employees in Durham who have twenty-five or more consecutive years' service with the Company.

### Noon Program At Erwin

For the second year, the Erwin 5 Year Club Banquet will be held during daylight hours. This year, the celebration will be at 12:30 P.M. on December 5 at the Erwin High School gymnasium. The speaker will be the Rev. Mr. Edmund Perry of Duke University Divinity School. Seventeen new members will receive service pins at this banquet. Altogether, there are 276 Twenty-five Year Club members at Erwin.

### Cooleemee Banquet At School

The Cooleemee banquet will be held on December 12 in the Cooleemee High School Cafeteria at 6:00 P.M. Speaker for the evening will be H. F. Sewell, Jr., who will also speak at the Durham banquet. Ten new members will receive pins. Total membership in the Cooleemee Twenty-five Year Club is 173.

## They're Learning "How" From the Men Who Know

Instructors for all training classes sponsored by the Company are men well qualified in their field and who are now working here.



Milton Anderson, Asst. Overseer in No. 4 Weave Room, is giving his Loom Fixing class a demonstration on proper alignment of a battery. Left to right: T. G. Philips, Herman Craven, M. E. Keister, Fred Bryant, S. E. McIntyre, Eugene Ayers, W. E. Croxton, Instructor Anderson, and M. J. Mitchell.

## \$9,737.28 Contributed To United Fund

Durham employees responded more generously to the 1953 United Fund Appeal than ever before. This year's campaign netted \$9,737.28 for charity, a 94.2% improvement over last year.

The breakdown of contributions by mills is as follows:

Mill No. 1	\$1,978.38
Mill No. 4	3,328.50
Mill No. 6	802.95
B & S	1,739.85
Main Office	1,887.60
Total	\$9,737.28

The amount credited for each mill includes cash paid and deductions pledged.

John Wilson, Chairman of the United Fund Drive for the City of Durham, has expressed his delight and appreciation for the fine response from Company employees. The Steering Committee and departmental solicitors deserve the credit for doing an excellent job in organizing and working for the campaign.



Marvin Jackson, Asst. Overseer in No. 4 Weave Room, is showing his Weaving class a report from the finishing department on the amount of sheeting rejected as firsts due to bad weaving. Front row, left to right: Kelly E.

Phillips, Bill Matthews, James Elliott, Larry Chamberlain and Effie Eubanks. Second row: Joe Pennington, Ollie Latta, Dora H. Keister, Elaine Lawson, Ruth Hoffman and Oscar Berland. Back row: Albert Hanline.