

# COOLEEMEE NEWS



Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Hasty were married at the Church of the Good Shepherd by Rev. Lemuel Roberson. Mrs. Hasty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller. Her father is a weaver in No. 3 Mill. Mr. Hasty, originally from Erwin, is now Production Manager for No. 3 Mill.

vidual tables set up in the living and dining rooms. Each table was graciously decorated with greenery and candles.

After the dinner, several games were played and gifts were exchanged.

We are glad to have Louise back with us after being out sick for several weeks.

Virginia seems to be very happy these days. Her boy friend is home after being on maneuvers for three months.

The Payroll Office employees wish to thank our employers for the nice sheets we were given for Christmas.

We also hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## WARP ROOM

Reporter: Carolyn White

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McDaniel enjoyed a recent weekend visit from her brother, Lt. Col. Arnold Lyerly and family of Columbus, Ohio.

Carolyn and Bill White are planning to spend the holidays in Washington, D. C., visiting relatives.

Nell McDaniel gave her son Gary a surprise party on his third birthday, November 17. About twenty children were present. They enjoyed games and refreshments.

"Bink" is all smiles and is wearing a new watch. Santa Claus came early, didn't he, Bink?

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Atwood attended the wedding of her brother, James Franklin Baker to Miss George Reed, December 6 in Baltimore, Md. Misses Constance and Bonnie Atwood were bridesmaids in the wedding.

We welcome Bobby Holt to the first shift.

We are sorry to hear that Anna Jones received an injured leg from a fall recently. We hope she will be up and around real soon. Ella has been out a few days with her.

## STANDARDS

The Standards Department held a Christmas Party on December 15 at Dimizo's Restaurant. Dancing and games were enjoyed. A gift

was presented to Mr. and Mrs. English. Dancing was enjoyed by Jimmy Hinkle and Jimmy Jordan; for better jokes, see Jimmy Hinkle.

L. G. Scott is living a bachelor's life. Lou and Denise are in New York visiting Lou's parents during the holidays.

Earl Stewart went hunting during his vacation. Didn't catch a thing.

## WEAVE ROOM 1st Shift

Reporters: Emma Hoffman & Emma Rae Spry

We would like to express our thanks to the Erwin Mills for the gift sets we received for Christmas. Thanks to all who made the gifts possible and may the New Year be a happy one for all.

Mrs. Annie Garwood is still on the sick list following an operation.

Miss Mary Byerly had an operation performed on her nose recently. We are wishing a speedy recovery for both of these ladies.

Miss Bettie Orrender spent the holidays with her brother J. T. Orrender in Birmingham, Alabama.

Nellie Houpe made the Honor Roll again, but Geneva Gregory failed as usual.

All of the members of the 25 Year Club enjoyed the banquet very much, but Frances Boger said the only thing she hated about it was the fact that the people found out how old she is. The speaker, Mr. Seawell, really kept us laughing. He was a very interesting speaker to listen to.

Let us say "Happy New Year" to each of you and when you have any news, please tell your reporters. That is the only way we can get it in the *Chatter*.

## ROD AND GUN

Although most bird hunters say that quail are more abundant this year than they have been for a long time, these birds are hard to come by. There is plenty of food out in the fields this time of year, and a covey can fly out of heavy cover, feed, and be back in the thicket again in a few minutes' time. Unless a man takes his dogs out in the open fields while the birds are feeding, he must become resolved to beating the brush to get up the birds. Most gunners don't like to shoot birds in brushy areas. You have to shoot within a split second or the birds are out of sight in the trees, and singles are hard to hit in this kind of cover, too.

It is surprising to hear oldtimers, who have been shooting quail for thirty or forty years, tell you that the only way to have healthy birds is to get out in the woods and "break up" the coveys by shooting into them. Actually, quail are highly sociable birds. They have a strong covey instinct, sharing food and shelter alike. If you shoot into a covey of birds, and take the time to do some observing afterward, you will learn a surprising fact. Within minutes after the shots are fired, you will hear the scattered birds sounding the covey call. This is a clear, shrill, oft-repeated whistle which serves as a means of communication. Within an hour or two the birds remaining after the shotgun blasts will be back together in a group.

In good quail country it is possible and feasible to shoot coveys to the extent of from 60 to 80 percent and still have enough seed left to produce next year's crop. This percentage is about the same that would normally succumb to disease, old age, predation, and other decimating factors. Taking these birds is actually a matter of conservation—putting them to human use instead of losing them to nature's economy.



EVERYBODY HAPPY! Brady Alexander is being congratulated by C. W. Howell, Supt., and Bill Howard, Overseer, for having exceeded 95% production on loom fixer's section No. 2 for week ending November 29, 1953. R. B. Scott is assistant overseer on this job. Word had gotten around that the first loom fixer who had 95% production would be treated to a steak dinner. Brady says he certainly enjoys eating steak, and from recent production records, it looks like Brady is going to be doing a lot of eating!

In a given covey range where there is a certain amount of food and cover, a covey of quail will average about 12 to 18 birds. These birds are clannish while their number approximates that figure, and will drive outsiders away. But where the covey is reduced by 50 percent, for example, the remaining birds will welcome newcomers. In instances where two neighboring coveys have been shot down to about a half or third of their peak population, the two coveys will join forces as a matter of companionship and security. That is why large coveys are seen in heavily gunned areas after the season has closed. There won't be as many coveys left, but those remaining will usually be as big as they were early in the fall.

And here is a note about predators in relation to quail. Where quail are provided with the right kind of food and the right kind of food-cover relationships, predators such as hawks, foxes, and others, are rarely if ever a serious menace.

The moral of the story is this: leave a good number of birds in each covey, and be sure that the survivors have a good place to live until the mating season begins.



MRS. VICKERS RETIRES: Mrs. Agnes Vickers of the Cloth Room, retires this month after seven years of service. Mrs. Vickers could do any job in the Cloth Room and was a faithful worker.



VISITS FROM SANTA CLAUS: 1. Santa visits the three and four-year-olds at the Cooleemee Story Hour. After talking with the children about what they wanted for Christmas, he presented each boy and girl with a sack of fruit and nuts. 2. The five and six year olds tell Santa what they want for Christmas. Afterwards Mrs. C. W. Shepherd and Mrs. A. T. Lewis, Story Hour Directors, gave a party for the children. They were assisted by Mrs. J. Everhardt. 3. About 800 children under the age of 13 enjoyed a Christmas party and visit from Santa arranged by the Local 251 U.T.W., AFL. Rev. J. W. Klein, his wife and daughter, presented the program and Harold Foster, Business Agent of the union, served as master of ceremonies. Each child received a bag containing fruits, nuts, candy and a toy.



SPINNING ROOM: Tony Wagner, six years old, is in the First Grade at school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of the Cloth Room. 2. Judy York, age 6, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shorty York and the granddaughter of Ruth Waller. Ruth is an employee of the Spinning Room. 3. Patsy Melton, three years old, is the daughter of Junior Melton of the Card Room. 4, 5 & 6. David Lee, age 7; Kay, age 9; and Gail Sigmon, age 11, are children of Mrs. Cailla S. Shaw who works in the Card Room. 7, 8 & 9. Donnie, age 10; Wayne, age 9; and J. C., age 7, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Waller and grandchildren of Ruth Waller.