



THE ERWIN CHATTER

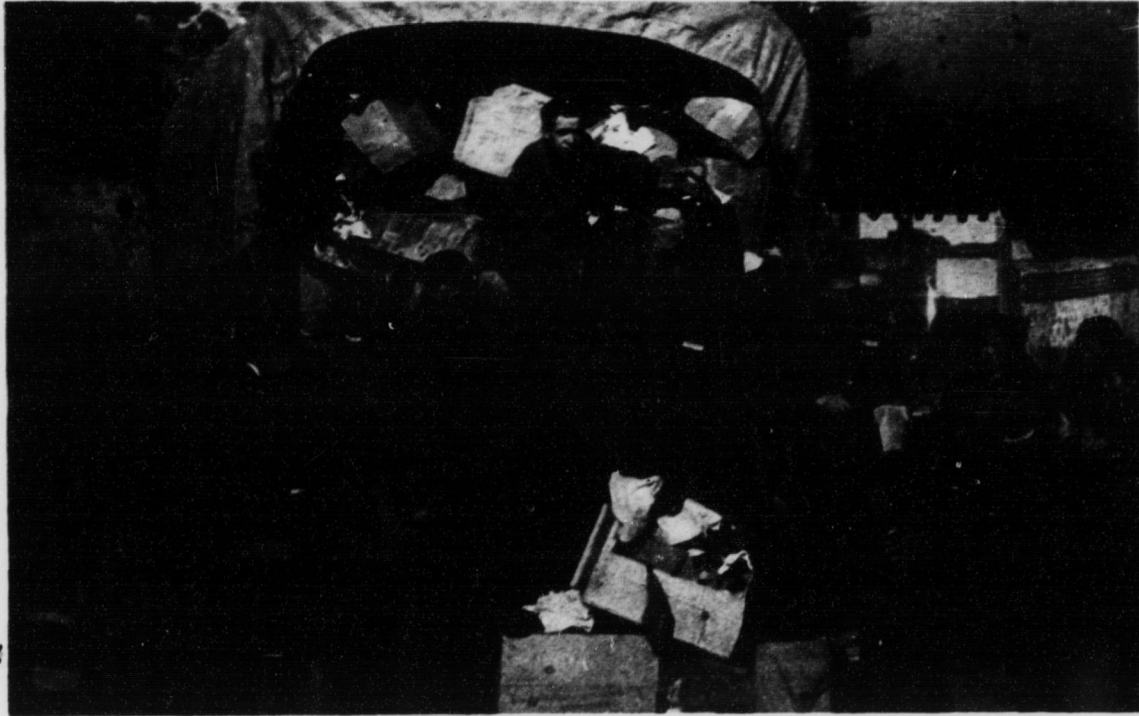


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Erwinites Help Korean Children



Men of the 630th Ordnance Ammunition Company distribute clothing to Korean children at the Bookhan Mountain Orphans Music Academy. The people of

Erwin responded to the call for help by sending seventy-five pounds of clothing to Korea. The children expressed their appreciation in many ways.

Mill 8 Employees Vote CIO Out

Ninety-five percent of the eligible voters in Plant 8, Stonewall, voted in a National Labor Relations Board election February 10. The Textile Workers Union of America, CIO and "No Union" were on the ballot. The CIO was voted out by a majority of 402 to 258.

In all there were 667 votes cast. Three votes were declared void and seven were challenged.

Erwin Percale Dresses!



Mrs. A. E. Barefoot and granddaughter, Becky, wear dresses of percale cloth.

We are in the habit of thinking that percale is a sheeting fabric and nothing else. Mrs. A. E. Barefoot, wife of Adlie Barefoot of No. 1 Weave Room, had different ideas about Erwin percale. She made dresses for herself and her little granddaughter out of our percale sheeting. Percale is an easy fabric to wash and iron, and the dresses have a very fresh, crisp look.

Mrs. Barefoot's granddaughter is Becky Byrd. Becky's father, Willis Byrd, Jr., works in No. 1 Spinning Room. Her grandmother, Mae Byrd, works in the Sewing Room and her grandfather, John W. Byrd, in No. 1 Card Room.

Another use for colored percale sheeting is to make curtains, dressing table skirts and other bedroom accessories. With the variety of colors now available in our line of colored sheets, it is possible to use a color scheme to please any taste.

People of Erwin Donate Clothing and Money to Needy Korean Orphans

Sometime before Christmas, a letter from a soldier published on the editorial page of the *News and Observer* told how clothing was badly needed by the children of Korea. The letter asked for help from the people back home.

Mrs. E. R. Thomas, Jr., president of the WSCS of the Erwin Methodist Church, brought the problem before the ladies of her church and they decided to do something about it.

Many Contributed

This was not just a church project because before it was over,

people from all over Erwin had contributed either money or clothing for the Korean children. Several snow suits were donated by Mrs. Steinberg of Steinberg & Company. Mrs. C. D. Sessoms, Mrs. G. V. Fowler, Sr., Mrs. John Whitman and Mrs. Thomas took a big part in collecting children's clothing from the people of Erwin.

The week before Christmas, seventy-five pounds of clothing was sent, wrapped in two blue denim bags. The following letter will explain how the clothing was distributed and what it meant to the Korean children.

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HEADQUARTERS
630TH ORDNANCE AMMUNITION COMPANY
APO 301

11 January 1954

Erwin Mills Incorporated
The People of Erwin
Erwin, North Carolina
Ladies and Gentlemen of Erwin,

Your gifts of good cheer for needy Koreans have been received at this organization. Knowing of the warmth and happiness they contain should be a great joy to you.

It is difficult to thank anybody for opening his heart the way you have done. We can only assure you of the good that is being done and can be done. No amount of clothing sent to Korea is too much.

Generous, kindly people from all parts of our great nation have responded to this plea in behalf of less fortunate people. Many who have little of their own are willing to share with the people of this war-torn land.

Enclosed is a photograph taken during the distribution of clothing at the Bookhan Mountain Orphans Music Academy. The children expressed their appreciation in many ways. At the gay Christmas party the children turned the tables and did the real entertaining. One letter from a little girl said "A Happy New Year to you. Many thanks for your trouble. I hope your warm and constant friendship may continue for many years."

Clothing was received in such abundance that a large contribution was able to be made to the Paik Clinic, a needy hospital in Seoul. We will continue to distribute clothing received throughout the winter.

Once more in behalf of SFC Lawrence Durham and for myself personally, I thank you for your contribution to this aid to Korea program. The open handed generosity of the folks back home has made this a truly happy Christmas not only for hundreds of children but also for all the men of my command.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed)
MORGAN J. WRIGHT
Capt. Ord. Corps
Commanding

Erwin Employees Buy Farm and Building Lots

As we go to press, 2,200 acres of farm land and small tracts, and 268 lot units around the town of Erwin have been bought by Erwin people.

In all, 152 people have purchased land and more are expected to buy before the sale is over. According

to E. H. Bost, Manager of the Erwin plants, there are several farm tracts and a number of good lots left for sale. There is no definite date for the close of the sale and it is expected to continue for some time. The sale began the middle of January.



It was cold the day land sales began! Standing outside on the porch of the land sale building, waiting their turn to go in, are Joe Giles, Eldridge Norris of Spooling & Waring; Carl Byrd, Dye House; and Ernest Hare of No. 5 Beaming & Slashing. The others are unidentified. Groups went in ten at a time during the first rush to buy lots.



"Which lot shall I buy?" That was the question asked by many employees as they poured over the lot and farm maps. Here, studying the maps, are: M. C. Ferrell, R. L. Pate, H. T. Turlington, T. Dillow, Bob Kelly, Paul Parker, E. H. Bost and E. V. Ferrell.

Use of Decorator Denim Popular

All Rooms of Model Home In Texas Decorated In Erwin Sanforized Denim

The January issue of LIVING For Young Homemakers featured a house in Tyler, Texas, draped and decorated with Erwin denim. According to the magazine, all the rooms of this ranch-type home were done in Erwin denims because of "this fabric's suitability to a warm climate."

Rainbow striped drapes brightened the dining room; a sophisticated color combination of citron yellow, gold, and gray in the master bedroom (pictured on Page 2 of this CHATTER); while the teenage girl's bedroom was done in red, white and blue—popular with the blue jean set.

Advantages of decorating with Erwin Sanforized denims are that the initial cost is low, the fabric is washable without the dangers of shrinking, and the upkeep is low. Finally, with so many colors from which to choose, the homemaker can have a decorating plan as pretty as our denim is sturdy.

Safety Standings Lower in 1954

Only four of our plants got through the month of January without a lost time injury. This is one less than the January record of last year.

The plants which came through the first month with flying colors are: Mill No. 2 & 5, Erwin (Cloth, Yard, Shop, Dying, Finishing & Shipping); No. 3 Finishing, Cooleemee; No. 7 Mill, Neuse; and No. 8 Mill, Stonewall. Since the standings for January were announced, Stonewall has reported the lost time accident mentioned on Page 2 of this CHATTER.

Each of our other plants reported one lost time injury during the month of January, making a total of seven so far this year.

Valentine Greetings

Cuts are red,
Bruises are blue.
Accidents break hearts
And bodies too.
Stay out of the red
And don't be blue.
A sweet art. SAFETY
Cares for you.

from the Safety Pen