

World War II on the Home Front – Rocky Mount, NC

Overview

Rocky Mount Mills can serve as a microcosm of how a factory and a community fared and adapted on the home front during World War II. In this activity, students will utilize primary source excerpts from *The Riverside Bulletin*, a newspaper published by Rocky Mount Mills during WWII, to gain a more localized understanding of topics such as war time rationing, work force changes, patriotism, communication with soldiers, and more.

Materials

- Accompanying Power Point, available in the [Database of K-12 Resources](#) by searching the lesson title
 - To view this PDF as a projectable presentation, save the file, click “View” in the top menu bar of the file, and select “Full Screen Mode”
 - To request an editable PPT version of this presentation, send a request to CarolinaK12@unc.edu
- Laptop, projector, and speakers (or other ability to project PPT and play audio clips for your class)

Duration

45+ minutes (varies, based on amount of student discussion)

Preparation

Students should have a basic understanding of World War II, as this activity is to provide supplemental information on the home front, particularly how the employees and surround community of Rocky Mount Mills contributed to the war effort.

Procedure

1. As a warm up, project slide 2 of the accompanying PPT and ask students to respond to the image pictured, either in 3 minutes of writing or in a brief class discussion. Ask:
 - What do you see/first notice?
 - What symbols and visuals are included?
 - What do you think the message and purpose of this poster is?
 - When and where might you have seen it posted?
2. Once students have shared their thoughts with the class, move to slides 3 and 4 and share the information provided. Let students know that in today’s activity, they will be continuing their study of World War II, but with a specific focus on local history and how the home front of Rocky Mount Mills and surrounding communities in particular experienced this period of time.
3. Move to slide 5 and pass out copies of the attached Riverside Bulletin as well as the attached corresponding worksheet, “A Window into the Rocky Mount Homefront with *The Riverside Bulletin*.” Students (either independently or in partners) should work through questions 1-6 while examining the *Bulletin*. After around 15-20 minutes, bring the class together for a discussion in which students report their observations and findings.
4. Next, utilize the remaining PPT slides (ending with slide 33) to lead students through the remainder of the worksheet. Both the slides and the worksheet will encourage students to continue considering how Rocky Mount Mills and surrounding areas in particular experienced the home front throughout World War II.

5. As an optional culminating activity, students can be instructed to write a “mock” article for an issue of *The Riverside Bulletin*. Students should use what they learned to assume the persona of a RMM employee or Mill Village community member and write a brief post that they think could have realistically appeared in the *Bulletin*. Topics can range from those covered in the PPT to new topics students realistically infer may have been addressed. Teachers may want to assign students different years to write from, with the possibility that their writing might be based on a variety of historical occurrences. Teachers could also decide to allow students to write more social pieces in such a way that would be representative of the time period, since the Bulletin included pieces such as this.

Name: _____

A Window into the Rocky Mount Homefront with *The Riverside Bulletin*

INTRODUCTION TO RIVERSIDE BULLETIN: Skim through the issue of *The Riverside Bulletin* provided (No. 1, Vol. 5) and answer the following questions.

1. As you review the various articles and posts, what types of information does it seem *The Riverside Bulletin* provides?

2. What needs do you think this publication filled during the years of World War II?

3. When reviewing the various sections and articles, note something you found interesting, surprising and/or humorous.

4. Find 3 – 4 mentions of the war or related war issues and summarize what was shared below. Explain how each would affect those on the home front and/or the soldiers on the front line.
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5. *The Riverside Bulletin* included letters from soldiers on the front lines. What does the *Bulletin* seem to mean to the soldiers and why do you think this is the case?

6. How does *The Riverside Bulletin* compare to how we get our news today? (Consider similarities and differences.)

ROCKY MOUNT MILLS PRODUCTION: Read the section on page 1, “Order Forty-Eight Hour Week for Cotton Mills Throughout Country” and answer:

7. What clues does this page offer in terms of the impact of war on the economy?

8. Why do you think RMM needed to increase production?

9. Why was yarn a “vital part of the war program?” What types of products do you think were created from yarn for the war?

LISTEN TO [LO BOWEN](#) DISCUSS HER EXPERIENCES AT RMM DURING WWII. *She began working at RMM in 1945 as a 15-year-old.*

10. According to her, what was the work like? Who was fulfilling the jobs at the Mills while most men were at war?

WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE

11. According to the article excerpt in the PPT “Women Doing Fine Job in Carding Dept.”, what types of jobs were women filling at RMM during WWI?

12. Review these two clippings from The Riverside Bulletin. Based on these clues, how were women doing with production at RMM during World War II?

More Production

Dear Co-Worker:

When you read the letters received from our boys in service saying how much they appreciate THE RIVERSIDE BULLETIN and the production being put out by us, you can bet your bottom dollar that they mean it; for without us and our comrades in production they cannot fight and without them we cannot have the freedom to work and produce the material needed to carry on this global war. We want them to know that we are backing them and shall continue to do so and the best way to show our appreciation for their great sacrifice is through our production figures.

Production has been increasing right along but it takes an awful lot of textiles to furnish our armed forces so you see every pound helps and that extra pound that you might produce will probably be made into the very item needed to protect one of our boys from harm—so let's show our appreciation through pounds and more pounds.

Production Figures

One hundred per cent of the production of the Rocky Mount Mills is now going into war work. Below are the figures on the production:

Year ago	237,253 lbs.
Prev. week	252,676 lbs.
Last week	250,583 lbs.

RATIONING

13. What was rationing & why was it implemented during WWII?

14. What types of things were rationed? What rations were mentioned in the Bulletin excerpts on the PPT and in the copy you reviewed?

15. Of the items commonly rationed, which do you think would be most difficult to do without if it was rationed today?

16. Based on the Bulletin excerpts in the PPT, how did employees of RMM feel about and handle rationing?

PATRIOTIC CITIZENS PITCH IN

17. What are some of the additional ways RMM employees and community members exhibited patriotism and supported the war effort?

18. What were Victory Gardens and why were they important?

WAR BONDS

19. What were war bonds and why were they important to the war effort?

AFRICAN AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS

20. Despite the fact that World War II took place during Jim Crow, in what ways did African Americans contribute to World War II in addition to all of the categories mentioned above?

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HOME

21. Why was communication to and from the armed forces so important during World War II? What similarities and differences between then and now exist in communication?

THE END OF THE RIVERSIDE BULLETIN

22. Based on the various excerpts you have read from issues of The Riverside Bulletin, what role would you say it played throughout the war years?

The Riverside Bulletin

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY ROCKY MOUNT MILLS FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE ARMED SERVICES.

VOL. 1

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th, 1944

NO. 5

MILL TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

Order Forty-Eight Hour Week For Cotton Mills Throughout Country

The War Manpower Commission has just issued an order making all textile plants operate on a 48-hour week basis effective May 14. This is the fourth industry in our country ordered to work on a 48-hour week basis and is made necessary by a continuing decline in production essential to the war effort.

This order will not affect the Rocky Mount Mills, since we have been on a 48-hour week for several years, but it will force those plants now working on a 40-hour basis to go to a 48-hour week, with a subsequent increase in production.

This is further evidence of the fact that textile production, especially yarn, is a most vital part of the war program and that all of us are helping win the war just as much as if we were making planes, tanks or guns.

Reuben Bowen Thinks Idea Of Paper Is Fine

Mrs. Percy Bowens wrote her son, Reuben, who is in London, and told him the mill was getting up a paper to send the service men. This is what he wrote his mother about the paper: "I think it's one of the best and most thoughtful things they could possibly do. A soldier likes to know what is going on in his home town more than anything else. I can hardly wait to get my paper and the box I asked for. I am excited as heck until I get it. After I get it, I'll be too happy to be excited. After all, this is what we are fighting this war for — folks back home who love us and are looking for our return."

Lt. W. L. Jones spent the weekend in Rocky Mount and everyone enjoyed seeing him after a year's absence. He reports that his wife and new daughter are getting along fine.

O. T. Strickland spent Easter in Rocky Mount visiting friends. He is still with Whitin Machine Works, Whitinsville, Mass., and says he likes everything fine. He is really beginning to talk like a Yankee.

FOR THE MARINES

The Rocky Mount Cord Company has just been awarded a large contract for Marine Corps legging lacing. For the last several years the Marine Corps has gotten all of its legging lacing from the Cord Company and any of our boys in the Marine Corps may know that their legging was made from our yarn out of cotton grown within a few miles of Rocky Mount as the mill supplies the Cord Company with all of their yarn for this item.

Rosa Glasgow Has Been Here For 25 Years

FINISHING DEPARTMENT By Betty Gibson

It seems that Cutheral Joyner has let some one wear his class ring. If you should look close enough you could find it on Irene Carter's finger.

Roschelle Lamb, a former employee of Rocky Mount Mill, is working in Washington these days. She was home Easter visiting her parents and friends.

R. L. Vick, who is in the service, wishes that everyone would write to him.

Tincy Goolsby is forever losing things. The last time we heard from her it was a card of bobbie pins and gloves. We wonder what it will be next.

After resting up a few days acting under doctor's orders, Horace Davis has come back to work.

Eva Strickland, who went to Duke hospital for her health, has been home for a couple of weeks and is doing very nicely.

Rosa Glasgow has been working at Rocky Mount Mills twenty-five years this week. Some think it is time for Rosa to retire, but Rosa thinks she should work and buy her war bond each month until the boys come home to take her place.

Miss Marion Highsmith spent Easter with some friends in Morehead City.

Jim Laughridge was home from school spending Easter with his parents and friends.

WPB Gives Authority Enlargement Program At Rocky Mount Mills

The War Production Board has just issued an authorization for the Mills to proceed with an enlargement program that will increase production forty thousand pounds per week. The project was approved because the plant is producing badly needed yarns for the war effort and this extra production will be placed at the disposal of the War Production Board.

A new building will be constructed adjoining the present lapper room and will extend 128 feet towards the wheel house. A new lapper, thirty-one cards, 108 deliveries of drawing, 2 slubbers and 4 interdrafts will be installed on the top floor.

Spinning will be placed in the new building on the first floor and all of the spinning frames from No. 1 will go into the main mill.

The Abbott winders will be moved to No. 1 and two new ones will be added. A unique method of handling spinning bobbins by belt conveyors under the spinning room floor will be put in which save a lot of time in moving bobbins to the winders.

A vacuum system will be installed to handle waste from the waste opening room, lapper room and waste mill through pipes to a new waste room where a high density hydraulic press has been installed.

Overhead cleaners will be put on all winders and other numerous improvements will be made.

The Army has allocated the lumber for the building and work will be started at once by D. J. Rose & Son, the contractors.

Excitement!

There was some excitement on River Drive street Sunday around eleven o'clock. Mrs. Coley's bees were swarming but she knew how to handle them. After about ten minutes of beating tin pans and frightening the neighbors to death the bees all came down and stuck on a collard stalk nearby. Mrs. Coley said she hated to raise so much noise on Sunday but had to save her bees.

The old faithful Flat Rock swimming hole has opened early this year. There was a crowd seen coming from there Easter Monday that showed all signs of having been swimming.

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Don't Help The Axis

To All Our People:

To produce our war-time needs requires more tools, more material and more trained workers. Of these three, tools present a difficult problem for two reasons:

First—Despite many new tool-making plants, the demand for tools has out-run the capacity of the industry.

Second—Some of the high-grade steel used in making tools has been diverted to arms manufacture.

Such circumstances make it impossible to obtain tools in less than six to ten months. With 1944 the critical year for our nation we **MUST NOT PERMIT CARELESSNESS TO RUIN THE TOOLS** that may determine the destiny of all free men!

Second Shift Composed Of High School Pupils

The second shift in the Finishing Department is mostly operated now by high school students. Lucky thing pupils are not made to stay after school as much as they were in olden times as we might be holding up the war.

Mrs. Dudley says she does not understand why David Howell worries over the draft. As old as he is he ought to have better sense.

Wonder why Doug Hoell wears his pants legs rolled up so far? Must be to show his socks or to make him look a little shorter.

Derrel Williams, the hard working young warper, thrifty too, has the name of "Silent" tagged on him. God-diggers don't have a chance with him.

Lewis "Teddy Bear" Ellis is now taking his lunch at Roberson and Adams hot dog stand.

The mill has just ordered another 40,000 Chesterfield cigarettes sent to boys overseas.

Friends of Mrs. Duhurse Brown will be sorry to learn that she is suffering with an infected foot.

Mrs. Ruth Bass is able to be out after having had the "flu."

TWO CANTEEN REPORTERS HAVE PLENTY OF NEWS

By Dorothy Mullis

Misses Josephine and Nettie Vine Biggs spent the Easter holidays with Mrs. Mae Champion in Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Miss Margaret Hardy also spent the week-end in Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Daniel and twins, "Hoover" and "Smith," spent the week-end in Henderson, N. C., with relatives.

Mrs. Vivian Layton visited relatives in Farmville, N. C.

Mrs. Robert Perry, Curtiss, Pat, and Rodney, visited Mrs. E. G. Kearney in Franklinton, N. C.

Marie Champion of Roanoke Rapids was a guest of Dorothy Mullis and Elizabeth Glasgow.

Ensign W. L. Stallings and Howard, AMM 2/S, were home for the week-end.

Clarence Davis, SF 2/C, also had a week-end leave here.

Mrs. Matthews, Daisy Perry and son, Pete, were week-end guests of Cecil Matthews in Wilmington, N. C.

We mentioned the fact last week that Odell Wood talks as much as ever but we should have said "more than ever."

Joe "Golfball" Gilbert got his ears pinned back in a match recently with none other than Bob Sides.

Dave Edwards, a new timekeeper, does O. K. on the jobs and likewise at home. To save time one morning, he grabbed a pair of socks, each being a different color, not realizing it until told about them at the Canteen.

Earl Harrell, a former mill electrician, visited friends here last week-end.

Pfc. Oliver Lee Gardner of Camp Claiborne, La., was home recently.

It seems that Jimmy Robinson is getting more popular every day, especially with the canteen girls—but on the other hand he said he didn't know whether Balmerlee has more brothers than Dot has cousins or not.

Unfortunately, Roy Dixon hasn't been able to get his share of chewing gum so we're wondering if someone will be so kind as to divide with him. It may be a good idea to see Sloan Woodcock.

By Balmerlee Watson

We are interested to know that Pvt. Raymond L. Vick of Camp Fannin, Texas, has been released from the hospital where he has been for the last three weeks. He is being transferred to a special training battalion in a short while.

Mrs. Endie E. Howell purchased a hundred dollar (\$100.00) War Bond here at the mill this past week. She is in a hurry for you boys to come home. Hurrah for Mrs. Howell!

Misses Bertha and Ruth Moss spent the week-end in Portsmouth, N. C., with their sister, Mrs. J. E. Pitt.

We are sorry to report that George Hazzins was out a night last week on account of illness.

Clyde Strange A/S, stationed at Bainbridge, Md., says he likes the Navy fine and is working hard. He doesn't like to do his washing, but is pretty good at the job. He also said he enjoyed "The Riverside Bulletin."

Pfc. Hassell (Happy) Vester, stationed at Pomona, Calif., writes that he enjoyed his recent visit home and enjoyed seeing all of his friends again. He is glad they all are working hard in the war effort.

Mrs. Dorothy Henry and Mrs. Lucille Woodcock spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Matthews in Newport News, Va.

Miss Hester Clarke spent the week-end in Morganton, N. C., with her parents.

Emma Lewis, a former employee of the Rocky Mount Mills was married April 9, 1944, to T/Sgt. Sam Cobb of Whitakers, N. C. They were married in Nashville, N. C. and will make their home at New River, N. C., where Sgt. Cobb is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Laughridge and P. F. Morris have gone to Moultrie, Georgia, where Jay Laughridge, Jr., will receive his wings as Army pilot. Mr. Laughridge and Morris expect to look over several Georgia mills while in that state.

Production Figures

Eighty-five per cent of the total production of the Rocky Mount Mills is now going into war work. Below are the figures on the production:

Last week	258,495 lbs
Previous week	250,838 lbs
One year ago	232,052 lbs

THE EDITOR WRITES . . .

Dear Fellows:

Thanks for the many nice letters from you boys. Several of the letters are on the back page of this edition. Be sure and read them.

We have some surprises in store for you in the future so be on the lookout for them. We will tell you that it has to do with pictures but all the details have not been worked out as yet. But we will bet you a coke you will like them.

Rocky Mount has a USO center now. Some of the gals were there last Friday night dancing with soldiers from Seymour Johnson field in Goldsboro. It is located in the Masonic Temple building. Of course the SMO is still operating at full blast, too.

The major leagues are ready to start with a lot of 4-F boys and some youngsters in uniform. Will have some scores and standings next week for you. The Victory league here will start on May 15.

A little reminder to the reporters. Please put the name of the department in which you work at the start of your story with your own name. Also always give the first name or initials of any person you write about—it will make it a lot easier for all of us. You reporters are doing a fine job and we certainly appreciate the good work you are doing. A paper has to have active reporters in order to be interesting.

There is so much news elsewhere in the paper this week that we will have to cut this column short. Let us hear from you. If there is any special news you want let us know and we will do what we can for you. The paper is being published for you boys so it is up to you to state what you want.

See you next week.

BUGS BARRINGER,
Editor.

Wade Langston has been removed from Park View Hospital after undergoing an operation on his leg. He is getting along nicely.

Misses Mary and Pearl Dunbar have returned to work after having spent the Easter holidays with their mother and brother out from Plymouth, N. C.

Friends of George Wilkins will regret to know that he is in Park View Hospital suffering from burns he received when his tractor exploded Monday, April 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Casey had a family dinner Sunday, April 9 in celebration of their son's, Private Willie Casey, furlough. He is an M.P. in the Army. He is now stationed at Fort Custer, Mich.

Mrs. J. S. Woodcock is confined to her bed on account of a back injury.

Calvin Creech Writes His Mother About Paper

SPINNING DEPARTMENT

By Edna Leonard

Mrs. Ed Howell, Miss Elizabeth Pearce and Mrs. James Coley spent last week-end in Norfolk visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mercer.

Mary Alice and Lucille Register went to Raleigh last Saturday to get their brother, George, to spend Easter holidays with them and their father on River Drive. He returned on Monday to Raleigh where he is in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bradley of Newport News, Va., spent Easter with Mrs. Bradley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams, on Falls Road.

Pvt. Clyde Blandford is home on a ten-day furlough. He is stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.

Pvt. Paul (Dink) Perdue is home on a nine-day furlough. He is at Camp Butner, N. C.

Sgt. Drew Bone is visiting his brother, William, on W. Elm street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Register (Sparky) and family of Newport News, Va., are spending a few days with Sparky's parents on East Elm street.

Clyde Hay of Portsmouth, Va., is at his home with pneumonia.

Jack Thompson and Dick Adams of Norfolk, Va., were visiting their people last week.

Mr. Cliff Ezzell is back at work after being out for an operation.

Mrs. Helen Norfleet and daughter, Delores of Wilmington, N. C., spent Easter holidays with her mother, Mrs. Mamie Strickland.

Pvt. John L. Robbins has recently been inducted into the Army and is now in the hospital at Fort Bragg where he underwent an operation.

Edna Ellis of West Elm street has been out of work for two weeks on account of sickness.

Pfc. Millard Ellis has recently spent a ten-day furlough with his mother Mrs. Mary Ellis at No. 6 River Drive.

Pvt. Calvin Creech wrote his mother he had received two of the papers and it was like reading a letter from home and he sure did enjoy them. No. 2 Spinning Room seems mighty

Former Employees Addresses Are Listed

Here are some more names and addresses of former employees of Rocky Mount Mills who are serving in the armed forces now. How about some of you writing them. Letters mean so much to anyone in the service.

Pvt. Louis P. Shearin
A.P.O. 88
Service Btry 338 A.F.A. Br.
C/o Postmaster
Sam Houston, Texas.

Durell Stancil (AEM 2/C)
U.S.S. Ranger
V-4—J. Div.
C/o Fleet Post Office
New York, N. Y.

Ernest C. Strickland (AMM 2/C)
CASO No. 5
C/o Fleet Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Pfc. Hassell Vester
ASN 35665930
Hdg. and Service Co.
613th Armament Maintenance Bn.
Fort Ord, Calif.

Clarence G. Walker (A. S.)
Co. 3401, Barr. 319-U
U. S. Naval Tr. Stat.
Bainbridge, Md.

F 2/C Edward L. Walker
U.S.S. Suwannee, B. Div.
C/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Pvt. Jessie N. Watkins
ASN 34663643
A.P.O. 9648
46th Field Hosp.
C/O Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Cpl. Norman C. Wilder
ASN 7009984
A.P.O. 986
Co H. 37th Inf.
C/o Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

George Williams 1/C U.S.N.R.
Repair Division
Little Creek Section Base
Norfolk, Va.

quiet since Glayds Vaughn has to whisper. We know it's killing her as good as she loves to talk and laugh.

Sgt. Melvin Ellis is here on a fifteen-day furlough. He is stationed in New Mexico.

Aviation Cadet James Coley has finished his basic training and is taking advance flying. He is now stationed at Bakersfield, Calif.

Mrs. Tom Ezzell is improving at her home on Jefferson street.

Dorothy Mullis of the Canteen hasn't called anybody "Sugar" lately.

LETTERS FROM MEN IN SERVICE

March 29, 1944

Dear Sir:

I have just received the first copy of the "Riverside Bulletin," and deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering me so far away from you all. Not only does it keep one "in the know" about the happenings in the mill and around home, but gives out the humor we all need so much. Many laughs were found in your unique column of poetry in this issue by all in my tent. It was good and I would like to read a lot more. I was glad to hear there would be baseball again this summer and to know the mill would have a team. It is good to know I will get the results of each game each week. Everything here is going fine. I hope to be abl eto send you some items in the near future but cannot as yet.

Sincerely yours,

PVT. CHARLIE A. WOODCOCK.

April 7, 1944

Somewhere in England

Dear Sir:

I want you to know just how much I enjoyed my first copy of the "Riverside Bulletin." I got a big kick

out of it. It brings back such pleasant memories of Rocky Mount.

One of these days this war will be over and all of the old gang will gather down at Hardy's and shoot the bull. Ah! but them were the days. I am hoping they will come again soon.

By the way, tell Frank Hay that T/5 is a nice name for Yardbird. I would like for you to print some of the addresses of the boys. It is a hard job trying to keep up with so many.

I'm not much of a writer and I can't find words to tell you how much I like the "Bulletin." It is a good morale builder. Take it from a "G.I." who's been in three years. I must sign off now. I'm thinking of all at home and wishing you luck.

Thankfully yours,

T/5 Lewis J. Mathis—34031208
Co. "G" 307 Station Hospital
A.P.O. 162, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

April 10, 1944

Camp Fanning, Texas

Dear Mr. Battle:

I have been receiving your edition

of the "Riverside Bulletin" and enjoyed it immensely. I'm sure the rest of the boys in service enjoy it as much as I do because it brings to the service man wherever he may be, the memories of home with all the news of the happenings in the mill and I believe I can say for the rest of the boys and girls who are in service as well as for myself that it's a great idea and we thank you and the rest of the people who are responsible for the idea a million times.

I had the misfortune to have an accident which put me in the hospital for five weeks. Upon leaving, I was transferred to another outfit. My former address which was Co. C 64-Bn., 13th Regt., has been changed to Co. B 57th Bn, 12th Tng. Regt., Camp Fanning, Texas.

So long and the best of luck to everybody. I remain,

Your old employee,

Pvt. Raymond L. Vick—34854163
Co. B 57th Bn., 12th Tng. Regt.,
4th Platoon,
Camp Fanning, Texas.

Mrs. Margaret Casey is out on account of sickness.

Son Of Mrs. Pearl Ricks Been Torpedoed Twice

Stafford Ricks, son of Mrs. Pearl Ricks who works in the Finishing Department, was featured in a story in The Evening Telegram recently. He is a radioman third class and has been in the Navy three years.

The young radioman has been torpedoed twice and has had several narrow escapes from death. At present time he is in New Orleans awaiting another assignment.

Lois Bynum Gives Easter Dance At Benvenue Club

Lois Bynum gave an Easter dance at the Benvenue club house Saturday evening, April 8, 1944. It was semi-formal. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Billy Landen, Marie King, Gladys, L. H. Weeks, Sadie Strickland, George Wilkinson, Frances Dozier, Mavis King, James Bullard, Charles English and Jim Laughtrige. Chaperons were: Mrs. Lucy Bynum, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Grover Booker.

Maybe some of you boys would like to know there has been a big change made in the Spinning Room since most of you have left. All double creel raving has been taken out and we like it much better. It will be cooler this summer.

Inez Bone and J. T. Williams are making plans for a June wedding.

Daisy Perry spent Easter Sunday in Wilmington, N. C.

CLINIC REPORT

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Sloan Woodcock had the misfortune of injuring her back last Sunday. We are wishing for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Ethel Morgan is recuperating from an attack of tonsillitis.

Miss Fannie Peele is out on account of sickness.

Mrs. Rosa Long is making a good recovery following an operation performed at Park View Hospital.

Troy Lee Strickland is suffering with an attack of asthma.

Miss Edna Ellis is sick at her home on Elm street.

Many Service Men Visit The Mill While On Leave

We have had quite a few service men who visited us during the past week.

Among them were: S/Sgt. Melvin J. Ellis of Clovis, New Mexico; Clyde Manford of Camp Pickett, Va.; Cpl. Ames O. Johnson, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.; Johnnie W. Casey of Fort Custom, Michigan; Cpl. Norman C. Wilder of Camp White, Oregon; Pvt. Robert Ezzelle of Camp Pickett, Va., and Paul Perdue of Camp Butner, N. C.

Mrs. Emma P. Smith has returned to work after having been out sick for several weeks.

Shad And Herring Are Running In Tar River

TWISTING DEPARTMENT
By Greely Davis

Mrs. Lucille Woodcock and Mrs. Dorothy Price Henry spent the weekend in Norfolk, Va., visiting Lucille's brother, Earl Matthews, and his wife. They enjoyed themselves fine.

R. S. Matthews has been voted in as a deacon in North Rocky Mount Baptist Church. He will take his post next Sunday, April 16, 1944.

Well, as usual, we have closed season, so now the fish may start running. There are more herring up here this year than we have seen before. Of course, there are shad too. We can't tell exactly why we know this, but still they are up here.

Lacie Hewett was married Saturday, April 8, 1944. His wife was Miss Lena Phelps before her marriage. I don't think Lacie liked it about taking out so much income tax on him—so, rather than stay out to stop this, he decided to get married so he would have one more dependent.

I have noticed here lately that the police have been riding on Elm street right much. I guess they have noticed that Lewis Ellis has a new barrel. They think it is about time for him to start making collard brandy.

Ben Hudson has a full time job now. Plowing for all the Victory gardens. If he keeps all the plowing caught up, I'm afraid he'll have to put in some overtime.