

## Grogan Enjoys Cloth Room Work

"You have to enjoy your work to do a real good job." These were the remarks of Plant No. 1 Cloth Recorder, Charlie Grogan, as he recorded another roll of his plants superior quality fabrics.

"I like my supervision and all the people I work with. We understand each other, and that makes it easier for us to get along. I believe in all of us working together to meet our production goals and to do those things which will keep our company a better place to work," he added.

In all, Grogan has been working for the company about 34 years. He quit once for a few years, but returned in 1953 and has already built over 22 years continuous service.

Grogan commutes 22 miles a day from his 87 - acre farm located between Cross Anchor and Enoree.



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"When I get home in the afternoons, I always have plenty of work to do. This year we had a big garden, and hail storms damaged quite a bit of it. I guess the Lord just performed a miracle, because most of our vegetables put back out, and it looks as if we made more vegetables than ever. We've already frozen and canned an ample supply of vegetables to last all winter and into the spring when a new crop is available for eating."

"You've just got to have faith, and when the going gets tough, don't give up," he added. "This applies to working as well as to farming."

Grogan, who is 57 years old, is very proud of his family. "I have five children and they've all done well. One of my sons - Frankie - is a junior at the University of S.C. at Spartanburg."

"He has a loan from the Bailey Foundation. Without that assistance, I doubt if I would have been able to send him to college," Grogan noted.

He recalled that he only completed the ninth grade in school. "I've always had to work to make a living for my family. Clinton Mills is the only employer I've ever had except for the four years I served in the Army and the Air Force."

A few years ago Grogan had an extensive farming operation in addition to working at Clinton. "I used to plant a number of acres of cotton and corn, but I had to stop as I got older. Today, most of my farm is in timberland except for a small section that I lease."

## Cloth Handler Will Get ROTC Commission

Clarence Davenport, Bailey Plant Weaving Cloth Handler, will receive his commission in the U.S. Army in December. Davenport will enter the service as a second lieutenant when he graduates from Voorhees College later this year.

"I'm really looking forward to entering the military service. This summer I attended a six weeks ROTC camp at Fort Bragg, N.C. and really enjoyed it," said Davenport.

"At Voorhees, I am majoring in biology, and when I complete

my military obligation, I plan to enter dental school."

He has worked at the Bailey Plant for the past three summers. "I've received a lot of good training during the time I've worked here. I enjoy people, especially those I work with everyday."

Davenport is a 1971 graduate of Clinton High School. While a student there, he was a member of the Red Devil Football team and also played the trumpet in the school band.

I'm one of seven children,"

he added. "My brother is a junior at North Carolina Central University and he is in the Navy ROTC program. My sister will enter Benedict College this fall. There are 6 boys and one girl in my family."

Davenport is the son of Mrs. Gladys Davenport, who teaches at Florida Street Elementary School. The Davenports live in Oakdale Acres and attend Bethel AME Church in Laurens.



CLARENCE DAVENPORT



HAZEL WILLARD

## Mrs. Willard Commutes 62 Miles Daily

Mrs. Hazel Willard, a Plant No. 1 Weaver, commutes 62 miles a day to work.

"I ride to work on Friday with David Ingle who works at Lydia," said Mrs. Willard. "The rest of the week I share a ride with Ralph Gregory who works at Joanna."

She has been with the company over 5 years. "I have to depend on someone else for a ride. I live in Union, and I don't drive," she added.

Mrs. Willard commented that she worked in the same weave room in Union for over 27 years. "They moved the looms out and laid me off. I came over here and got a job. They've wanted me to come back to work in Union, but I like Clinton Mills and chose not to return to work in Union."

"The riding doesn't bother me, either," continued the 3rd shift weaver. "And when I get home, I enjoy working on the outside as much as I can."



LARGE CABBAGE

Roy L. Sanders, a retired Lydia Maintenance employee, grew this 14 pound cabbage in his garden this year.

Gardening is one of Roy's favorite past time as he enjoys his retirement.