



The north side of the Lace Mill, pictured here in 1950, before West Avenue was extended and connected to Waverly Avenue. The waters of the lake at that time came close to the mill buildings.

Stack Room

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Patchogue, Long Island, N. Y.

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ADJUST NET PAPER COMPANY
MORRISTON, N. H.

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It has been apparent for some time that the lace curtain and cover business has been steadily diminishing. While our standing in the industry has not changed, our volume has fallen off to roughly one-third of what it was as recently as 1949. During these years five of our competitors have been forced to liquidate their lace plants. Because of the drastic sales decline, we have been suffering sizable losses in this plant for the past six years. With future prospects looking even more unfavorable, we can no longer cope with this situation. It is indeed with great reluctance, that the decision to discontinue our lace operations has finally been forced upon us.

The date for the cessation of our operations will vary from department to department, with the weaving department stopping first, which will be very shortly. Most other work should be completed before the end of the year.

Along with the decline of our lace business, there has been a steady curtailment of employment at the Patchogue mill, and for some time the number of persons regularly working has been extremely small in comparison to the huge size and potentials of this plant. In the final analysis, we believe that this action will prove beneficial to the workers as well as to the community as it will have the purpose to attract other industries to use our plant in Patchogue, which should provide gainful employment to a far greater number of workers than presently employed. However, to accomplish this aim we will require the same full cooperation of the workers, the unions and the community as we have had in the past.

DIRECT REPLY TO
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Originators of ADJUSTA-NET and PLYMOUTH TOP Curtains

A copy of the letter sent to the employees of the Lace Mill on October 15, 1954, informing them of the impending closure of the mill.