

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Carbon Plant Notes

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mueser have arrived from Niagara Falls, N. Y. Mr. Mueser is successor to Mr. B. E. Broadwell, former superintendent of the Carbon Plant. Mr. Broadwell has left Badin to enter into business for himself.

Mr. Mueser has been connected with the Company for several years, having been superintendent of Carbon Plant No. 1, at Niagara Falls, for the past three years. Before that, he was in the research laboratory of the Western Electric Company. He is a graduate of Columbia University. At present, Mr. and Mrs. Mueser are staying at the Badin Club; but hope to move into their bungalow on Henderson Avenue soon. We are glad to welcome them to our community.

Mr. G. E. Biddix, foreman in charge of all incoming materials, has just returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where he left a considerable stock of rheumatism, on which we congratulate him.

Mr. R. H. Lowery, operator in charge of gas producer, spent last Saturday with relatives at Wadesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee spent Sunday with Mrs. Lee's relatives, at Ansonville.

An interested party of visitors came thru the plant on Visitors' Day. In the party were Miss Nora Thorpe, sister of Mr. J. E. S. Thorpe, General Superintendent, and Messrs. Glenn and Waddell, who are working on the development at Yadkin Falls.

Mr. Paul Venner, of Isbell-Porter Company, Newark, N. J., has left, after completing some special work on the Calciner. Mr. Venner was here several years ago, during construction days; and was favorably impressed with the remarkable change which has come over Badin during his absence.

Mr. Claude Deaton, who works in the testing-room, has just returned from a ten days' sojourn with his family and friends, at Mount Gilead.

Whatever it takes to be liked by the ladies, we claim Mr. Joe Lee, assistant clerk, is bubbling over with it.

Mr. A. C. Wagner, temperature rod maker, leaves for the army on the twenty-seventh. He was an excellent worker, and we feel confident that he will make Uncle Sam a splendid soldier.

We are not mentioning any names, but there are a few fellows who work in the Carbon Plant who could get a whole lot blacker than they get.

The other day one of the oldest darkies in the plant, from the standpoint of service, received notification to report to his Local Board for military service the following day. When he came to the office to get an order for his time, he remarked, "Captain, I sho is gwine tuh raise er dust when I gets over there."

When asked if the dust he was going to raise was to be raised by a backward or forward movement, he replied, "Captain, I wouldn't ax you dat."

If you think it is an easy matter to make good carbon when the thermometer registers 101 degrees, and the melting point of pitch is 82 degrees, just ask Mr. R. E. Lee, and "Get told."

Be fair and just with your men, and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred you will receive like treatment from them.

We believe in the "Get together" movement between Department Heads and the men whom they hold responsible for efficiency of operation and production. At these meetings, all complaints and grievances are aired and adjusted, and each one present should mention every grievance he may have, for himself or those he represents. Also anything that hinders efficiency of operation, or cuts production, should be brought to light, traced to its source; and the necessary changes should be made promptly.

Under the new organization, Messrs. W. R. Young and L. G. Daniel have taken over the work formerly performed by Mr. C. B. Leypoldt and Mr. G. C. Scott.

Mr. G. C. Scott has been placed in charge of the Extrusion Department at night.

Mr. Young has a wonderful store of energy, which he is unafraid to spend; and he also has the reputation for being in more places at the same time than anybody we know. Taking the foregoing into consideration, we are forced to the conclusion that production will not be lessened one pound.

Mr. A. D. Howell has been made foreman in charge of the Calciner. He is not afraid of work or dirt.

Mr. O. T. Maynard, chief clerk, has returned from his vacation.

Pot Room Items

T. M. Hutton, who left the employ of the Company in May, after two years as pot room foreman, is spending the summer in Maryville, Tenn., his home town. Mr. Hutton's many friends will be glad to know that he is feeling well, and enjoying himself to the utmost.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Robert Davis, of No. 13 Chestnut Street, has a very sick baby. We hope the little one will soon be well again.

We are sorry, in one way, that the Maryville Plant was forced to shut down a pot room because of power troubles; but glad, in that it brought some good men to Badin. We trust that our new townspeople will soon feel as proud of Badin as those of us who know it better.

Mr. Charlie Lewis left, on the fifteenth, for Maryville, Tenn., in order to bring his family back to Badin. We welcome them to our community.

The sprinkling system between the pot rooms has been a welcome addition during August, and is appreciated by all. We understand that we have Mr. Kemmer and Mr. A. G. Smith to thank for this idea.

There have been a good many men taken into the army from the pot rooms this summer. We will see to it that they are plentifully supplied with aluminum; and only ask that one of our boys bring back the Crown Prince when the war is over. It would give us great pleasure to work him in the pot rooms twenty-three hours a day, seven days to the week.

The new scales for the weighing department have arrived, and will be put in soon. As soon as the scales have been set, the metal will be hauled from the pot rooms with motor trucks.

D. C. Tipton says that he finds it only half as hard to get to sleep, now that he can put one of his eyes in a glass of water before retiring. "No great loss without some small gain," eh, Tip?

We sometimes wonder how the Army can ever hope to win this war, and still turn down men like "Big" Tate. We are not complaining, however.

Someone suggested that we have a band at the clock house at 3 p. m. on Saturday afternoons. The pot rooms do