

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Carbon Plant Notes

Mr. Charles Moritz, Superintendent for all of the Company's plants, was a visitor during October.

Mr. Moritz says by next summer he hopes to have swinging doors on each side of the furnace room, to permit the circulation of air thru the plant. The arrangement will be similar to that now in use in the pot-rooms, and will make the Carbon Plant a considerably cooler place to work in.

Mr. Charlie Bertina has returned from the Maryville Plant. He is a native of Sunny Italy, and a natural-born brick mason. Charlie came to Badin when trees were standing where the Carbon Plant is now located. Charlie says he likes Maryville, "but—"

Mr. L. Woodward, who has charge of the Packing Material Plant on the night shift, has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent with relatives and friends at St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. R. H. Lowery and J. V. Nance, operators on Gas Producer and Furnaces respectively, are confined to their beds with that recent but now famous disease called the "flu."

Our new Draught System has at last been put into operation. It is a remarkable improvement over the old temporary system we have been using.

Mr. B. T. Horsfield has arrived from the Maryville Plant. Mr. Horsfield is to be operator on the calciner at Maryville.

The many friends of Mr. W. R. Young will regret to learn that he is not recovering as rapidly as was hoped.

Mr. B. S. Liles has recovered from his recent illness, and is now on the job again.

Mr. R. M. King is spending a two weeks' vacation in Texas.

Falls News

Work at the Falls is one dam thing after another. Dam Scott has his hands full now looking after the power-house machinery installations, and at the same time helping take care of the Badin "flu" troubles.

Mrs. J. B. Ray and Mrs. A. A. Simonton are away on extended visits. Mrs. Ray is visiting at her former home, in

Birmingham. Mrs. Simonton is visiting her parents, in Chicago.

Mr. B. D. Glenn, who has been connected with the engineering force here, has returned to his home in Greensboro to spend a few days before entering the Naval Aviation department of the army.

Mr. Clyde Nash has just returned from a visit to Palmerville. He says everything is on the boom in that section of the country. Mr. Nash's itinerary included yachting up Beaver Dam Creek.

Mr. M. D. Bracy, one of the younger of the old bunch of the Narrows Falls development, has resigned, and has returned to his home at Rowland, N. C., in anticipation of entering the army in the near future.

One of the colored men of the construction force, who is now newly enlisted in the army, sends word as follows: "It suttinly is fine and nice when Uncle Sam is yo' Uncle, but it sho is hell when he is yo' daddy."

Mr. Robert Price, who was on construction work at the Falls during the past summer, has completed a course at the Plattsburg Training Camp, and is now a second lieutenant in infantry, and is stationed at Durham, N. H.

John Ray and Art Simonton are getting to be regular "cut-ups" lately. It is altogether due to unsettled surroundings that no worse can be said of them.

Mr. V. R. McLain has accepted a position at the Falls as force accountant and assistant checker of material.

Electrical Department

Mr. Howell, formerly of Maryville, and three other men from Alcoa and vicinity, arrived to note the operation of machinery in our Yadkin Narrows power-house. Mr. Howell will have change of operation of the machinery in the new power-house nearing completion in Cheoah.

A new telephone cable has been received, and will be installed between the Tallassee Power Company exchange and town of Badin. This should relieve the congested condition of the telephone lines in Badin.

Our old friend Farmer Scott has the "flu," but they couldn't keep him in bed. The old saying is you can't keep a good man down.

Mr. E. T. Russell, Rotary Station operator, has returned to his duties after several weeks of illness with sciatica.

Mr. W. L. McCall, Rotary Station operator, has been ill for some time.

Another large transformer has been shipped from Pittsfield, Mass. The transformer will be installed in Rotary Station No. 35.

Bob Crump says, in giving his reasons for wanting more light in front of his cafe in negro town, "When all those niggers crowd around out here, it is dark you just can't see nothin'."

New steps have been placed from top of the dam to the railroad track on the hill. These steps will be of great assistance to the men going to and from the power-house.

The turbine test is still in the experimental stage. It seems as tho on some jobs everything goes wrong. Just when all the mechanical and other difficulties have been overcome, and it is thought that a beginning can be made, the chemist has to get the "flu," and it's all over again.

Laboratory Notes

We are fortunate and glad to say that the influenza germ has not yet visited the Laboratory with serious intention. It may be that he has a nose, and that his nose knows the danger of acid fumes—even if Kirk's nose doesn't.

Mrs. E. E. Mueser has been doing quite a lot of research work of late in the department. She has also added much to the life and spirit of the work in general.

Miss Ruby Grandy is taking the place of Miss L. N. Nichols, who has resigned. We were fortunate in finding Miss Grandy, and sorry to lose Miss Nichols. Our best wishes go with her.

Everybody feels better when Gilbert hears from home. He's from the place where apples, chestnuts, and (as Gilbert says) all good things grow. May we hear again soon.

The day of miracles is not over. We know of that time at the wedding feast when water was turned into wine. That doesn't explain the turning of Pabst's Extract into water—ask Chemist.