

Carbon Plant Notes

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opened. "Rich" protested his innocence, but promised to conduct the gentleman with the large piece of artillery to the rightful owner.

The next scene was staged at the Badin Club. Mr. Pritchett was at the Plant, so Mrs. Pritchett was summoned downstairs and asked in a kind but firm way to lay bare the contents of the "heavy trunk," as he was sure it contained what he was looking for, namely, ten or twelve gallons of whiskey. Mrs. Pritchett removed all the trays in the trunk, but no firewater could be found. After offering his apologies, the detective disguised in the uniform of a Badin copper made a hasty retreat.

Mr. G. H. Rhodes, of Messina, N. Y., was down on a short business trip the past month. While here, Mr. Rhodes made a study of conditions at the Gas Producer, furnace inlets and our exhaust system.

Mr. Rhodes and his associates are conducting a series of experiments at the Messina Plant, the object of which is to eliminate tar, soot, etc., from the gas. We hope his experiments will prove that it can be done profitably, and that a scrubbing system be installed at the Badin Plant in the near future.

The following brickmasons have arrived from the Maryville Plant: Messrs. Jack Cecil, H. R. Staten, and F. H. Weiser. Mr. Jack Cecil is an old resident of Badin, and is louder in his praise of Badin since he came back than before he left.

These masons are here to aid us in the speedy completion of the Carbon Baking Furnace Extension. The only delay now is the non-arrival of floor tile.

We don't know exactly how much bearing Mr. Fickes' visit had on the junk gathering problem; however, it is now possible to see considerable piles of scrap, junk, and near-junk stored in an orderly manner in the North Yard of the Carbon Plant.

Mr. C. H. Memory, of the Isbell-Porter Company, Newark, N. J., is here outlining and getting under way the installation of apparatus designed to take care of and utilize the waste gas from the Isbell-Porter Companies' benches in the Calciner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pritchett have arrived from Texas. Mr. Pritchett is now in the Carbon Plant, getting "hep" to the operation of the Carbon Baking Furnaces. He will be connected with the Maryville Carbon Plant.

Mr. R. L. Spencer journeyed over to High Point the other day, and took unto himself a wife. Congratulations to Mr. Spencer; and here is wishing the bride happiness.

Mr. C. W. Mahaley was among the first of the troops to be demobilized at Camp Jackson, S. C. He is back on the job again, looking after the packing of the kilns.

Mr. R. E. Lee has a new gear on his Dean Pump. This is a relief to all who haven't lost their hearing. It is now possible to hear yourself think.

Mr. J. C. Howell, operator on Producer, spent New Year's Day and the week following with relatives and friends at Gold Hill, N. C.



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Mr. J. V. Nance, foreman in charge of plastering gang, made a pre-holiday visit with relatives and friends at Bladenboro, N. C.

Mr. D. G. Graham has returned from Bethune, S. C., where he went to adjust some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mueser spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in New York.

Mr. R. H. Lowery, operator on Gas Producer, spent the holidays at his home near Wadesboro.

Works Office Notes

Mr. Richards is demonstrating a few Eastern novelties, such as derby hats, new dance steps, and jazz tunes, since his return from Pittsburgh.

Joe Taylor was circulating around in the office some days ago. It is rumored that he will be back again soon. Here's hoping. Later: Joe's back.

Big Charlie Younts, from Fort Caswell, was with us for a day or two recently. It's Top Sergeant Younts now. He says that he has run into lots of Badin fellows in the Army, and that they all have the same story: "It's Badin for me when I get out."

Mr. William Biles has returned from Camp Hancock, Ga., and is on his old job in the Time Office. Bill is one of the 1916 fellows.

Messrs. J. H. Leonard and W. G. Nelson are on their old jobs in the Time Office, after trying Army life for a while.

Mr. H. M. York has been transferred to Mr. Pannill's Office, in the Cost Department.

Electrical Department

The item of greatest interest, to the plant maintenance men at least, is that we will soon have our new repair shop completed to the point where we can begin to move in. The progress on this building extension has been rather discouraging to those who had made plans about moving in last spring. We hope that the thoughts of working without the possibility of water from a leaky roof dropping down one's neck, or stepping in a water puddle and getting a wet foot, will more than offset the inconveniences and losses of good nature during the past summer.

The following men have returned from the service: Mr. R. F. Giersch, from Officers' Training Camp, at Alexandria, Va.; Mr. McNeely DuBose, from Officers' Training Camp, at Shelby, Miss.; Mr. J. A. Fagg, from Camp McClellan, Ala.; Mr. Amos Blanchard, from Camp Jackson, S. C.; Mr. E. H. Belk, from Camp Wadsworth, S. C.; Mr. Z. B. Robinson, from Camp Meade, Md.; Mr. L. B. Ward, from detached service in a shell loading Plant in New Jersey. We are very glad to have them all with us again.

A night school for those interested in electrical work will be started as soon as arrangements can be made. The subjects will be given in a series of lectures covering as far as possible the fundamental principles governing the operation and performance of the different kinds of electrical machinery and apparatus. There will be no charge, tho it is recommended that a few books, as will be suggested later, be purchased.

Mr. Seabrooke, of the General Electric Company, is with us again, to look after