



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Electrical Sparks

Yadkin Falls Power House

The Falls was not represented at the class in Industrial Motors and Control the other night. We were more interested in heat, etc. That sleet drove all thoughts of motors away. Besides, it would have taken *some* controller to have gotten our hack through to the class that night.

The roads are bad in good weather; and there was absolutely nothing doing that night. Where does all the money that is collected in this county go to? Look how much they stick you for automobile license. There is something wrong somewhere. Someone should have shown the Hon. Max Gardner our road, and the ferry that people have to risk their lives on when traveling to Troy and points across the river. Thrift would make a very appropriate motto for our county or highway officials.

Well, these are certainly dry times, in more than one sense of the word. Again these are *great* times. Some of the ex-service men will remember a little song that was a favorite of the A. E. F. The song was about the celebrated payroll. We still sing something down here that is very much like that song. It goes something like this—"All we do is sign the pay-checks, and we never save a gosh-darn cent." We made all kinds of good resolutions Thrift Week, but folks, "It can't be did."

Why don't we hear something about the profiteers? Have they bought everyone out with the excess profits? The writer is a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat. My excuse is, I was born in South Carolina. I'll never be a Republican. That party is too "*deep*" for me. Besides, Sherman was a G. O. P. man. But if some progressive men like William Jennings Bryan, "Shake" Williford, "Pussy-foot" Johnson, and Howard Taft, etc., will start an Anti-Profiteering Party, count me in. "Shake" says that he detests profiteers, but you never can tell what these progressive men will do. Some of you folks ask Mr. Williford about the pair of shoes he tried to sell to a poor fellow the other day.

The American Tobacco Company is working overtime now to supply the demand for a brand of their famous tobacco to Mr. O. C. Barnette. Mr. Barnette has a large pipe that was once the property of a captain in one of Kaiser Bill's U-Boat Navy. Some pipe; some smoke; some yarn.

We are glad to welcome among us a new family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams. Mr. Williams, like most of the excellent operators of the two generating stations, operated for the Southern Power Company "once upon a time."

We are running only one generator now. No. 3 sprung a leak in the main bearing, and we understand that the Company is expecting a representative of the Morgan Smith Company here to inspect the unit.

Mrs. Alice Cole was called to attend the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harroll Beckham, of Kershaw, S. C. We extend to Mrs. Cole and the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. Perry Beckham has returned from a visit to her parents, at Heath Springs, S. C.

Narrows Power House

Well, the construction men are about up with their work here, and the station is beginning to look neat and clean. A great deal of the odds and ends have been moved out. The floor has been washed several times, and the places where the paint has been rubbed off have been painted. The A. C. Units are being given a general going over with an oily rag, which adds much to their looks.

We are no more dependent on the Rotary Station for auxiliary power. In case of trouble on the auxiliary 2300-volt line, we can switch on our new D. C. generator and run indefinitely. Some day later we hope to have some transformers to step down the voltage from 13,000 volts to any ratio that we might need, and to have 36-cycle motors installed.

We have two new men with us now from Fort Mill, S. C.—Mr. Burgess Lee and Mr. Clarence Hogland. This is their first experience. We wish the two new-comers well, and extend them a helping hand.