



## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### Electrical Sparks

#### Narrows Power House

After having a long quiet period of several months without the slightest trouble of any kind, due to high voltage, surges or short circuits, the night of April the twentieth at 11.35 brought one of the worst electric storms ever experienced in Badin, and caused a complete knockout, but in less than five minutes the station was under control and ready to pick up the load. But on account of oil switches and fuse trouble at the rotary station, the lines were not energized until 12.00 midnight. It was nearly 2.00 o'clock a. m. April 21 before the station got back to normal load.

It is not often that we have surprise parties, but the night of April 20 between the hour of 11.35 p. m. and 12.00 midnight, the afternoon shift had the profound pleasure of welcoming and entertaining the station Superintendent, Mr. B. L. Gomo, chief operator, Mr. J. L. Adkins and the graveyard shift. It wasn't altogether a pleasant affair or thrilling, but it really was exciting to the extreme, and we let you understand that that was one time the afternoon shift was glad to have company—the very ones who came too.

The best that we have this time in the way of news is, the dredging of the tailrace is to start some time in the near future. This will add to the efficiency of power, and operation. This

job will probably last for a year or more and will employ quite a number of men, and will give more life to Badin as the men that will do this work will be from out of town and not concerned in the operation of the plant.

I will give you girls of Badin a fair warning—it is a chance of a lifetime. The Narrows, the most interesting site near Badin—even the trees, flowers and grass are interesting, and at the Mountain Club one of the best apartments furnished by a lonely man bearing the name of W. H. Clark.

On the night after April 20 J. E. Crow was heard to make the following remarks: "She's not hard boiled as she was last night. She's started off raw and angry, and I am telling it to you men! she was putting out in big numbers, handing out wind, hail, rain and lightning.

In spite of all we can do or say John Page of the Mountain Club will continue to trade on Automobiles. Right recently he sold his Cole "8" to Mr. Barnett of the Falls. We notice he has purchased a Dort Roadster and is giving it considerable attention.

We have with us two new men, Mr. J. B. Mintz formerly of Blacksburg, S. C., O. B. Lackey of Badin. Mr. Lackey was transferred from the rotary station. Both Mr. Lackey and Mr. Mintz are becoming familiar with the switchboard.

Sunday, April 18, was changing shift day, and the graveyard shift took ad-

vantage of the time off and stayed in Badin. So you see Badin is not the worst place to be found.

Mr. J. L. Adkins informs us that it will only take a short time for vacation period as he will be able to relieve a shift with his three boys.

The Chevrolet has just arrived. J. B. Mintz made a quick trip to Blacksburg, S. C., for it April 8.

#### The Electric Shop

Mr. Maynard has the following to say in regard to the little Ford: "Boys I had just as soon drive a Ford as push a baby cart. I have driven lots of those Darn Little Fords, but I haven't pushed any baby carts yet. Now driving Fords does not keep old H. C. L. on top, but this Go Cart pushing will keep it there. I have often seen Go Cart pushers stuck in the mud, and it looked as though the poor fellows were in trouble. Boys, keep old H. C. L. down by staying out of the mud."

A little gas, a little oil;  
One spark plug, and a little coil;  
A piece of tin, two inches of board;  
Glue these together, and you have a Ford.

The above parts were ordered from Shears, Morebuck & Co., by our Ford enthusiast—well, you know him, we won't call his name this time.

The Electric Crane for the new Pot Room has arrived from the Maryville