



## MOUNTAINS ARE SWEPT BY FIRE

**Angry Forest Blaze Swiftly Destroys the Beauty That Once Abounded**

On Thursday morning, May 3rd, the skies overhanging Elkin became clouded, not with the kind of clouds that give forth rain; nor was it the kind that darkens the skies in certain sections of the country, where dust storms are common; but with smoke and an abundance of it. Presently burned leaves, particles of bark and ashes began falling in the streets, soon the word came that the mountain was on fire and that it was headed in the direction of Roaring Gap, at a lively rate of speed. Mr. Neaves at once had an organization headed in that direction to help fight what at that time looked to be almost a helpless battle and it might have been to us had it not been for Mr. Neaves' personal leadership on the scene with an organization of men who knew nothing but fight when he gave the word. It was not until the following Sunday afternoon that it was finally surrounded and considered under control.

Let's take a trip and see what the fire looked like at night. Thursday night the writer went out by Mountain Park and up Mitchell's River as far as it was considered safe. The main fire line had then passed over the top of the mountains on the west side of the river, leaving the entire mountain side almost a solid sheet of fire. Logs, and trees both green and dead, were burning as though they were saturated in oil. It was a perfect picture to look at, but when one paused to think of the beauty, the real beauty that was being destroyed, there was no beauty in it, for it was sweeping almost everything to the ground.

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## Mrs. J. L. Powers Is Improving

Mr. J. L. Powers and family spent the past week-end at Sanatorium, N. C., visiting his wife who is a patient there. The many friends of Mrs. Powers will be glad to learn that she is rapidly improving and will soon be able to return home.

## The Dying Department

(By Carl Poindexter)

From the point of view of the men who are associated with the dyeing departments these divisions are by far the most important of any in the plants. In the dye-house at the Elkin plant only raw stock and cotton warp are handled, while at the Winston-Salem plant piece goods only, that is blankets and cloth after being woven, are dyed in approximately the same range of colors as are made in the duotone and plaid blankets, and in addition a wide range of colors for dress goods.

After the wool has been thoroughly washed, carbonized and is free of practically all the natural wool grease, dirt and trash it is packed carefully into the large circulating or vacuum dyeing machines, 800 to 1000 pounds in a machine, the heavy perforated tops are clamped down securely and the machines are filled with warm water. The powerful pumps are started and the water is forced from the solution tanks up through the firmly packed wool, through the perforations in the top, and flows back

into the solution tanks, continuing this circulating action. Meantime the "boss dyer" (at the Elkin Mill, McKinley Garris and Ravon Garris) has carefully weighed up the various dyestuffs and chemicals, and after thoroughly dissolving the dyestuffs he pours all into the machine and turns on steam. The temperature is slowly raised to the boiling point and kept at the boil for three-quarters to one hour or more according to the nature of the dyestuff used. At the end of the boiling period the dye liquor has become practically exhausted of color and is allowed to run out of the machine. Fresh warm water is pumped through the wool to rinse it free of any loose dyestuff or excess dye liquor. The top is lifted from the machine by an electric hoist and placed to one side. The entire batch of wool is then lifted with same hoist by means of strong chains attached to a false bottom and an overhead trolley transfers the wool to a position immediately in front of an automatic feeder that delivers the

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## WARPING MADE UP OF 2 OPERATIONS

**One Deals With Cotton Yarns While the Other Deals With Woolens**

The warping department of the Elkin mill consists of two separate and distinct operations. One operation deals with cotton yarns, in sizing and putting cotton warps on loom beams for blankets of a cotton warp construction, while the other consists of spooling and creeling and beaming woolen yarns for all-wool blankets, robes, suitings, etc. We will consider in this article each of these two operations separately, as they are in no way related, and the only process common to each is the drawing into the harness immediately preceding the putting of the beams into the loom.

Our cotton yarns come to us from various mills in chains of sufficient length to build a loom beam level with the flanges on each end. In case these chains

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## THE GIRL AND HER RECREATION

**Swimming, Dancing and Bowling Are the Three Graces of Physical Training**

Recreation, as we all know, means to re-create. Every cell of our bodies is constantly going through a process of recreation as long as we live. Biology tells us that in all nature there is an ever moving process of re-creation going on all the time.

Any sort of change from our habitual activities—if we like it—is a recreation. We cannot re-create without joy. To force ourselves to go through some form of mental or physical activity because someone says it is the thing to do—or because other people are doing it when within our own hearts we do not like it—is not recreation. However, sometimes when some activity is new and strange to us we think we don't like it when the truth of the matter is, we are afraid of it and

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## WOMEN INVITED TO CONFERENCE

**Miss Bates, Nurse For Elkin Mill, Attends Safety Conference At Asheville May 17th and 18th**

The Industrial leaders of North Carolina, representing all types of industry, held their fifth annual state-wide safety conference in Asheville May 17 and 18.

This was the first state-wide safety conference to which women were invited. A large number of nurses and welfare workers were represented. Among them was Miss Ohna Bates, R. N., of the First Aid department of the Elkin mill. No credentials or fees were required as the conference was held under the auspices of the North Carolina Industrial Commission.

The convention is held annually for the purpose of stressing the importance of safety and other phases of work supervised by this body.

In previous years the conference has met at High Point, Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Greensboro. Each year the attendance has grown larger. Last year there were approximately eight hundred present. This year, there were around a thousand.

The two days were spent in conference listening to lectures on various subjects. The conference closed in ample time to allow the delegates to visit the places of interest around Asheville.

## Chatham Shuts Out Brown-Williamson

The Winston Chatham baseball team, behind four-hit hurling of Steelman, defeated Brown and Williamson in a City League contest at Southside Park on Tuesday afternoon, 6 to 0.

Stelman held the tobacco nine to four widely scattered hits and gained the lead in pitching against Neal, of Brown and Williamson.

A four run uprising in the third inning gave Chatham an early lead to win the victory. Two more runs in the sixth clinched the game.

Plaster and Sappenfield had two hits in the attack for the winners while Tise claimed two of the four hits for Brown and Williamson.