

Name "Ecusta" Used By Cherokee Indians

The name "Ecusta" was chosen by officials of the corporation after much study. It was selected because it is the Cherokee name for Davidson River Indian.

The name "Ecusta" is said to mean galloping waters or silvery waters, either of which could be correct since the river has a number of low hurtling falls in Pisgah National forest. The clear, silvery water is seldom muddy even after long rains, due to the protected watershed of virgin and second-growth forests.

Mrs. Emma Patton, 86, and Joseph M. Orr, 85, both residents of the immediate Davidson river section where the plant is located, are positive in their assertions that "Ecusta" was the name given the stream by the Cherokee Indians.

Mrs. Patton was postmistress for four years in the 1890's at Ecusta post office on the banks of Davidson river. The office was originally named Deavers, and was operated in what is now the home of Miss Maggie Deaver, half mile north of the plant. Later, (about 1888-'89) the name of the office was changed to Puella when it was taken over by Dr. George W. Young. Dr. Young and his sons kept the office for four years, or until the election of Grover Cleveland as president of the United States.

With the change in the national administration, Mrs. Patton (then Mrs. M. L. Deaver, widow) was given the position of postmistress. The name was then changed from Puella to Ecusta. She conducted the office for four years as Ecusta.

Dr. Young was again appointed postmaster under the presidency of William McKinley, and the name was changed back to Puella. The office was conducted for several years by Dr. Young and then abandoned when rural free delivery was established out of Brevard, with Charlie Hampton as mail carrier, in 1902.

Mrs. Patton says she is positive of the Indian name being correct. She said that, at the time she was appointed postmistress, she was told by the Rev. Dr. D. McNeill Turner, who had made considerable research about the Indians and their legends in this section, that she was correct. Dr. Turner came to this section in the early 70's as a mission worker for the Southern Presbyterian church. After working here for some time as a minister and teacher of an "academy of higher learning" he returned to South Carolina. Later, about 1890, he retired from the active ministry and lived in the Davidson River-Pisgah Forest community for two or three years, writing a book (never published) on Indian lore. While in the community he made his home with the Patton and Deaver families.

Joseph M. Orr, former singing teacher in this county, distinctly remembers his paternal grandmother, Mrs. John M. Orr, telling many Indian stories. He said she stated Ecusta was the Cherokee name for the river. Mrs. Orr died at the age of 93 in 1871.

Mrs. Orr was a daughter of "Colonel" Lambert Clayton, who was first sergeant of the First South Carolina regiment during the Revolutionary war, and is buried in Davidson River cemetery. Mrs. John Orr related many stories to her grandson, Joseph M. Orr, that had been told to her by her father. Among the stories was one telling why the Indians named the river Ecusta.

Mr. Clayton was on friendly terms with the Cherokees who still lived here when he was a young man.

(Open Forum Continued) WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE? Earl Fowler

Would the employees of Ecusta Paper Corporation be willing to develop, by contribution and other ways, a fund to build a lodge, club house, camp or anything of this type? Off hand, this would seem to be quite a task, but after all we have approximately eight hundred employees. A very small donation from each of these every month would very soon amount to enough to build a very nice place, away from the plant, where parties, dances, banquets, or any kind of entertainment might be given by a department, several departments, or even by the entire mill.

If our athletics are developed the way we hope they will be, and if we get a number of clubs organized, each of these will need a meeting place—what would be better than this to serve the purpose?

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but will perhaps come through soon. The actual money paid in to date amounts to \$2,113.65. If those who have not already subscribed will make reasonable donations, the amount will easily exceed \$3,000.00.

Below is a list of various departments and shifts with the amount subscribed and the percentage of employees subscribing:

ECUSTA		\$1,976.40
Pulp Mill		\$210.00
Shift A	75%	\$ 68.00
Shift B	55%	48.50
Shift C	55%	53.50
Shift D	35%	30.00
Misc.	33 1/3%	10.00
Refiner Beater Room		200.50
Shift A	100%	50.50
Shift B	100%	59.00
Shift C	87 1/2%	43.00
Shift D	75%	40.00
Misc.	100%	8.00
Machine Room		218.00
Shift A	93%	49.00
Shift B	100%	104.00
Shift C	92%	27.00
Shift D	100%	38.00
Inspection Department		144.00
Shift A	100%	30.00
Shift B	100%	39.50
Shift C	78%	23.00
Shift D	100%	47.50
Misc.	100%	4.00
Finishing Department		171.40
Shift A	92%	109.90
Shift B	96%	61.50
Electrical Dept.	100%	60.00
Power Dept.	80%	48.00
Filter Dept.	60%	12.00
Millwrights	90%	124.50
Yard	72%	70.60
Watchman	87 1/2%	19.00
Physical Lab.	92%	47.00
Chemical Lab.	100%	31.00
Pilot Plant	100%	46.00
Receiving	60%	16.00
Engineering		
Office	73%	197.50
Main Office	42%	178.50
Misc.		11.00
CHAMPAGNE Paper Corporation		\$602.79
Gumming	100%	63.00
Printing	100%	110.00
Machine Booklet	100%	117.30
Hand Booklet	100%	222.49
Shipping	100%	53.00
Office & Misc.	100%	37.00
ENDLESS Belt Company	100%	\$155.00
Total all companies		\$2,734.10

HERE and THERE

There is a rumor in the mill that Cicero Sterling, Digester Cook, stepped off the deep end the other Saturday night. If true—Congratulations.

Ah! To be young, handsome, and popular with the gals. Just how do you do it Frankie Whitmire?

The reason why Virginia Davis is always the first to catch on is because she has hooks in her hands.

There were many men in the Pulp Mill who were sorry to see M. Cartel and M. Gros leave for home. They made many friends who wish them luck.

Heard, but not seen on the Brevard-Hendersonville road, Jack Davies and that car.

All recent visitors to Endless must have carried away a vivid picture of Jane Pearce's glamorous feet. Has everybody heard Jane's new boots?

Ernie Kaltenbach says it wasn't a well that was being dug in the middle of the road near the Pisgah Forest Ranger Station, but only a small hole. It would be nice if someone built a two lane bridge over 'that small hole'

We are sure that Spring is almost here. We saw Superintendent Wilber put away his shot gun and start cleaning his golf clubs.

Confucius say if man don't want to get stuck not go around Thornes. Gosh! Doris, and Mary Sue, wreckers are expensive.

Betcha we would have had a gold tooth where that one was pulled if we'd done like mama said 'cause we know a girl in Endless who grew a diamond ring in place of a finger nail she has mashed off.

We saw Foreman Stockstill looking at new tires for his automobile. Must be a trip to Louisiana soon.

Has anyone noticed Fritz Brauer's smile lately? A precious vacancy in the front has been replaced by his dentist, and boy, that smile really is something.

Does anyone happen to know why Geraldine Wirtz's machine needs oiling more often than any of the others?

'Hap' Collins will be glad when spring comes. He will be able to take all the cardboard windows out of his car again and Mitchell will be able to look at all the lovely gals.

We wonder if there is really something wrong with the machine every single time the girls in Endless Belt ask for Fritz?

We wonder what on earth Dick Landeck smokes in that pipe of his. We suspect a blend of rubber bands and pencil shavings.

We have just found out what Mary Louise Shytle has been doing with her evenings of late—she has been going in for homemade lipstick. Maybe she isn't exactly advertising the fact yet, a little free publicity won't do any harm, but very soon one will be able to get any shade of lipstick right here at home.

Though farm population has little during the last 40 years, are providing abundantly for population that increased more two-thirds during the same period.

War demands may reopen mines in Wales.

South Africa is threatened serious locust plague.

Making butter from roots attempted in Germany.

Argentina has banned the exportation of all combustibles.

A new drink in Germany produced from wild cherries.

Japan's national debt \$130,000,000 in a recent month.

American typewriters are popular in Jamaica.

Insects caused heavy damage to cotton crop in Peru this year.

Denmark is considering the reduction of gasoline from peat.

American mechanical toys introduced into Belgium.

Miners, long idle, are returning to work in coal mines of Wales.

Town criers are giving way to the use of products to the United States.

A plan to auction American goods in Cuba met strong opposition.

Parcel delivery service by air has just been started in London.

Births in Cuba in the last year totalled 608,701 and deaths 348,000.

Thirty-five hundred girls in London clothing factory are making uniforms for soldiers.

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