

# Fairchild's Guitar Says 'Make Mine Country'

By day Eddie Fairchild is a lift truck operator in Plant 3. At other times he's perfectly at home with a guitar in his hand and a song in his heart.

Since he was 12 he's been playing and singing either with his family's band the "Country Cavaliers" or "Make Mine Country" which he has done for the past three years.

"My father gave me a guitar for Christmas," said Eddie. "I learned to play listening to my stereo. I learned to play chords but never learned to read music. I play by ear."

In the 16 years since, Fairchild said he has "gone through 15 guitars" but now



Rodney Brown

has one acoustic and two electric guitars.

In addition to guitar Fairchild learned to play piano by ear. He now plays keyboard too with "Make Mine Country."

During his high school days at East Forsyth High School Fairchild was a member of the school chorus for two years.

Fairchild said he enjoys playing guitar and entertaining and recalls the first date his family's band together. It was in 1971 to raise money for the Piney Grove Fire Department. Since then he has enjoyed making music for groups of all sizes.

"Playing gave me extra spending money when I was growing up," he said. "But I just enjoyed playing."

The family band played its last date in 1982 and Fairchild played with several other bands until 1985 when he became part of the new group, "Make Mine Country," which plays country & western and country rock music.

The band in its short history has won some coveted awards including the "band of the Year" Award in 1986 presented by the North Carolina Music Awards Association. It was the first year the band was entered in the competition of the organization which has more than 4,000 members.

During the summer every other weekend, "Make Mine Country" will be playing at campgrounds, VFW halls, American Legion posts, and other sites.

Those dates plus one night each week for practice keep Fairchild busy. However, he still finds time for his family. He is married to the former Lisa Caudle and they have a three-year-old son, David.



Eddie Fairchild



## A-M Earns Safety Awards

Several Adams-Millis plants were cited recently by the N.C. Department of Labor for their outstanding safety records.

Safety awards were presented in separate ceremonies in High Point on May 12 and Winston-Salem on May 18.

Award recipients in High Point included:

Plant 7, High Point, first year.

Corporate Office, High Point, second year.

Plant 66, Shipping, High Point, third year.

Plant 70, Machine Shop, High Point, fifth year.

Recipients in Winston-Salem included Plants 3 and 10, Kernersville; Plant 33, Mount Airy.



From left, Deputy Labor Commissioner Charles Jeffress, Gary May, Evelyn Cox, Geneva Montgomery, Mary Bostic, Claude Eddinger, Roy Edwards, Greg Trollinger, Jim Morgan, Jackie Barnard.

## Academic Honor

Rodney and Jody Brown have received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Rodney is a rising junior at High Point Central High School where he made all A's and B's including work in several "honors" courses.

Jody has completed the eighth grade at Griffin Middle School in High Point with a 4.0 grade point average.

Their parents are Randy and Judy Stone who work at Plant 1.



Jody Brown



From left, Kim Landreth, Larry Hopkins, Dianne Bull, Labor Commissioner John Brooks.



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