



POINT-CREST



Awards To Be Made Soon Recognizing Length of Service

Sometime in the near future, in a setting appropriate for the occasion, service pins will be awarded to those employees who have completed 5, 10, and 15 years continuous service with Burlington Mills. Committees from both plants are working on arrangements for making these awards. These plans, when completed, will be announced on the bulletin boards in each plant. At High Point Weaving, 5 employees will receive pins in recognition of 15 years unbroken service with the Company, 48 employees will receive a 10 year pin and 192 will receive a 5 year award. Hillcrest will present 10 year pins to 2 employees, 5 year pins to 56 employees. Based on present employment totals, 42% of High Point Weaving employees and 26% of Hillcrest Throwing employees will receive service pin awards.

In order to qualify for a service pin award, an employee must have been continuously employed in one of the Burlington Mill's units for at least a period of 5 continuous years. The closing date for this year's awards was June 1st. There are many employees receiving 5 year pins who will soon qualify for a 10 year pin and will receive these at a later date following their qualification.

If You Don't Believe

If you don't believe things have changed greatly for the better, take a look at this list of company rules. It was posted for the advice and information of workers in the Chicago store of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., some 80 years ago:

"Store must be open from six in the morning until nine at night the year round.

"Store must be swept; counters, base shelves and showcases dusted; lamps trimmed, filled and chimneys cleaned; pens made; windows and doors opened; a pail of water and bucket of coal brought in before breakfast (if there is time to do so) and attend to the customers who call.

"The employee who is in the habit of smoking Spanish cigars, getting shaved at the barber shop, going to dances and other places of amusement, will surely give his employer reason to be suspicious of his integrity and honesty.

"Each employee must pay not less than \$5.00 a year to the church and must attend Sunday school regularly.

"Men employees are given one evening a week for courting and two if they attend prayer meeting.

"After fourteen hours of work in the store the leisure hours should be spent mostly in reading.

After that sort of a day's work, the last remark scarcely seems necessary. Who would have energy for anything else?

—THE SPEARHEAD.



Who is This Man Called Uncle Sam?

From radio and headline they're shouting that Uncle Sam needs men—sons, husbands, fathers. We're told Uncle Sam needs all the money he can get and borrow. He wants us to buy his Bonds with our savings and with a part of our pay check each week. Uncle Sam has stopped us from building homes, buying cars and many necessities of life. He is telling us how much gas we can burn, how much food we can eat—how much, how little, how often—period.

Who is this guy, anyhow? Who IS Uncle Sam? Have you ever asked yourself this question?

Funny thing, but Uncle Sam is not the President, or the Congress, or the Supreme Court, or the Army or Navy, or even the fellow who collects the tax. Who then is the lanky MASTER with the funny goatee and striped pants?

Well, to our ancestors Uncle Sam was the fellow who thumbed his nose at the Red Coats and chased them hell-bent-for-election back across the sea. He was Paul Revere, Israel Putnam, George Washington. Through thousands like them he gave meaning to the word "freedom" and with blood and sweat carved out a pattern of democracy for us to follow.

Uncle Sam is many things! He is the homely, humble, lanky, unhappy lad from Hodgenville, born and raised in a log cabin in the woods, but rising to immortality at Gettysburg and dying a martyred president of the United States.

Uncle Sam is the scientist and the dreamer who made the Kitty Hawk fly, and the Claremont sail by steam. He is the fellow who laid the rails over Western waste in spite of savages, feuds, hell or high water.

He is Irish, English, French, German, Russian, Greek, Italian, Polish, Chinese—or what have you. He is Catholic, Protestant, Jew. He is a conglomeration of divinity, culture, pride, brains, wealth and guts. He is a mixture of the fighting Irish, the determined Dutch, the ingenious French, the proud English, the scientific Germans, the reliable Swedes. He has the Gallic urge to dream and to create. He has the sweet melody of song of the Celtic heart. Out of all this batter, energy and gusto he has mixed and created a symbol, a wayward strength, a mighty empire, noble, proud, brave, tough and free, with a great heart and compassion for the whole civilized world.

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Plants Announce Wage Increase

A general wage increase of 5c per hour on all hourly and piece rated jobs went into effect at High Point Weaving and Hillcrest Throwing Plants, Monday, June 4, according to announcement posted on all bulletin boards by A. B. Bell, L. C. Easter and R. L. Phillips superintendents at that time. A 5c per hour premium for work during the third shift was also granted.

Application for these increases was made by Burlington Mills several weeks ago and since then has been followed closely by management to get favorable action by the War Labor Board. In commenting upon the approval of these increases by the Board, Mr. W. I. Spencer, Plants Manager, said, "It has always been our policy to pay rates equal to or better than the textile industry as a whole, and so it is with distinct satisfaction that Burlington Mills' management is able to put these higher rates into effect." As stated previously, these increases mean that wage rates have been raised between 56% and 60% overall in the Company since 1940. This includes seven separate general wage increases and means that take-home pay for the current 48-hour week will be more than double the earnings of the standard 40-hour in 1940.

Overseers' Team Wallops Lexington

On Thursday, May 31st, the Overseers' Club of High Point Weaving traveled to Lexington Silk Mill where they engaged the Key Club of that plant in a softball game. The game was played on Spencer Field, home of the "Silk Mill Sluggers." Despite the fact that our team was considerably handicapped by the fact that the home club had their own ground rules, that they had our manager arrested, shot an umpire, used an oversized bat, sample of which we have in our possession at the present time and will publish in the next issue, is evidence of the fact that we were playing under disadvantage. Nevertheless, we did manage to win. The reason of course, that we won was the fact that the quality and quantity of our playing personnel was of a much higher caliber, than Lexington was able to muster plus the fact that the umpires were able to get matters under control and to suppress all unfair practices. It should be stated that the umpires were Mr. W. I. Spencer and Buck Danieley, the latter from the Main Office in Greensboro. The score of the game was 7-2 in favor of High Point. The superb pitching of R. J. Beane was an outstanding factor of the game, while Gilbert Lewis, of the same team, connected for the circuit. Brooks Huff was all over the outfield snagging Texas leaguers at will.

Following the game, the Lexington fellows made up for their misdeeds by serving a very luscious dinner of country ham at their club house.