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EDITORIAL

Is the Fourth of July Out of Fashion?

It happened in a small town a couple of years ago. Like small towns will around the Fourth of July, with the streets deserted of young fellows because of war, the people felt like coming together in the square, ringing the bells and reminding each other why their sons would not be home that night . . .

The upshot was a sort of spontaneous meeting around the courthouse steps on a July night to welcome home a flyer wounded and returned from the Pacific. Except that his arm was in a sling and he didn't look quite as young as when he clerked in the local drug store, he wasn't really changed.

Everybody was there—the school age kids, mothers, working men still in their overalls and even the old folks parked in cars alongside the curb. A World War I veteran drew the folks together and started talking. He spoke about the mistakes his generation had made, how they had fumbled the ball and not gained their objective and how he believed the end of this war would be different.

Then the air pilot spoke. It was probably his first speech he had ever made, but what he lacked in oratory he made up in sincerity, and just honest-to-goodness joy at being home. He told what was happening over there in the Pacific and how right in the middle of one reverse after another he knew we were going to win: "It is hard to explain," he said, "but we've been sticking it out there because we knew every single one of you were backing us up. I can't be in it any longer," he said, "but I'll tell my buddies that you folks are in this thing up to the hilt. You won't call it quits 'till we've got a victory that's really got teeth in it."

When he was finished, some of the young crowd took him off on their shoulders, and the rest of the folks felt better because a spokesman for their sons had been heard.

A lot can happen in two years and it did. This war ended and the boys (most of them) came home or at least have been made safe from danger. Was the war won? In a sense—the fighting quit—but what was fought for hasn't been accomplished. No, not yet.

It takes sticking together to win a decent peace and the American people are falling apart. All of a sudden we have divided ourselves into pressure groups: consumer groups, labor groups, management groups and government, to mention a few. Each is taking the attitude that its interests are in opposition to the interests of every other group. The big problems we all have to face—reconversion, a united front at the peace table, food to help in feeding the liberated and starving people, and enough goods on the shelves—have been lost in the shuffle. Instead, we have bickering on every side, a black market that is a national disgrace, and scrapping between ourselves to make the biggest personally selfish gain we can.

We have a war of nerves going on when what we need is a reasonable at-

WEAVERS PLAY TOP NOTCH TEAMS

Since the last issue of Point-Crest the Weavers have split two games with Mooresville Cotton Mills, split four games with Burtner's, split two games with Concord, beat Albemarle twice and Cascade once.

Meeting Mooresville Cotton Mills in their park and with Stoker pitching, the Weavers won the first game in a shut-out performance 7-0. Frith had five hits for five times at bat while McMahon had three for five and Art Jones two for three. In the second game the Weavers lost 4-3 in a game which Art Jones hit a triple.

Two doubleheaders have been played with Burtner Furniture of Greensboro and each time the Weavers won one and lost one. In the first meeting with Stoker pitching and with Rudy Frith hitting a triple and double, High Point won 3-1. The second game was lost 6-0, Clyde Carden pitching for the losers. In the second meeting Stoker lost the opener 5-1 when Buck Danieley hit a home run with the bases loaded. The second game the Weavers won 8-7 as the game ended in the last inning with a shower.

In a trip to Concord a doubleheader was played in which the Weavers won the first 5-2 behind Stoker's pitching and dropping the second game 4-0.

Albemarle was taken to the tune of 17-0 and 26-5 with Stoker and Carden pitching the first and second games respectively. The first game was featured by one hit pitching by Stoker.

In one of the feature games of the season, the Weavers met the Cascade softball team of Mooresville and in a twelve inning pitchers' battle Stoker was the victor by the score of 1-0. This is by far the closest game so far this season and was a nip and tuck battle throughout.

A return game is being played with Cascade on Wednesday, June 19th, and at this writing we regret that we are unable to give the results since our paper will be on the press at that time.

Purely Personal...

THROWING DEPARTMENT

First Shift

"Dub" Stroud had his tonsils removed the last day of May. Glad you recovered quickly, Dub.

Dot and Alvis Smoot are spending two weeks at Carolina Beach. Jackie Brown, Rachel Gibson, and David Cooper have just returned from there.

Keep the blood pressure down, Lela, we missed you while you were out.

June Bivins, daughter of Geneva and John Bivins, had a very painful arm injury. The accident occurred when the side of the truck fell off. Many of the hay riders were slightly injured.

We welcome Donald Spencer to our spinning department.

Nellie Jo Sykes' baby, Dwight, has been ill.

We are sorry that "Pop" Melton is ill again.

Charlie Duggins and wife, Stacy, went to visit her relatives at Walnut Cove.

We are glad to see Ray Talley back at work.

Lindsay Peele has been relating some of his and his brother Willie's experiences. An afternoon recently, they wanted to plant their potatoes and couldn't get anyone with a mule to lay the rows for them. So one pulled the plow while the other plowed and about dark it was completed. They expect to reap about 50 bushels of potatoes.

titude on the part of every man and woman pulling together for what we have in common instead of clamoring over our differences. What brought those townpeople together in the courthouse square two years ago is gone. Again, Americans need to get their eyes on the ball and keep them there.

Second Shift

Ruth Mills is back at work after being out of work two weeks with her husband who is home after serving 14 months in the South Pacific.

We are glad that Mable and Cecil Faircloth decided to come back to work with us again on the second shift.

We wish to extend our sympathy in the hour of bereavement to Ray Giles whose mother passed away recently.

Ica Cockerman's boy friend came home from overseas recently. No wonder Ica is all smiles.

Pearl and Charles Steed were glad to see Charles' brother, Joe Steed, wearing his discharge emblem when he came in from the Navy recently to see them. Joe has served about two years in the Pacific, but became a civilian May 24. Welcome back to High Point, Joe.

George Clayton has been transferred from the winding and redrawing department, to the spinning room. Hope you'll enjoy working with the spinners, George.

We're glad to report that Hester Branson is getting along nicely after undergoing an operation at the Washington Street branch of the Burris Memorial Hospital.

The second shift throwing department hates to lose "Bud" Frye to the first shift, but we welcome Ray Giles who has taken his place.

James Hutchens' son, James, is home on furlough from Mississippi, but he will report to Greensboro to start his journey overseas.

Fairy Flynt visited her mother recently in Madison.

Julia and Willie Hedgecock along with their son, "Tobby", recently journeyed up to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Along with enjoying the scenery, they also enjoyed fried chicken picnic style.

Third Shift

We are glad to welcome three new boys to the third shift. They are Billy Ray Lofin, James Ralph Lawson and Billy Hunsucker.

Mrs. C. R. Saltz, mother of Pauline Coe, is getting along fine after recently undergoing an operation at the Boulevard unit of the High Point Memorial Hospital.

Third shift 5B and U.S.T. spinning departments wish to welcome Dempsey E. Rich and Theodore Paul Jones to our midst. Hope you're here to stay, boys.

Wonder why they're calling Julian Gaddy "Red" these days. Let everybody in on it, Julian, it must be good.

What's this I hear about Mildred Saunders asking for paper napkins off the dope truck? Gee, but we're getting up in society.

I'll bet Lewis Stover couldn't tell what the picture "Saratoga Trunk" was about. I don't think his mind was even on the picture, eh, Lewis?

A few days ago we lost Mary Robertson, a cone creeler in the 5-Bs to be married. We wish her lots of happiness.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT

First Shift

Did you happen to hear the outcome of Paul Spencer's fishing trip a couple of weeks ago. I've seen no fish!

Glad to hear that Grace Britt is coming back to work with us on second shift.

Glad to have Lena Haywood with us for a few days on second shift.

Vacation time finds Rober and Aileen Hawk visiting relatives in Indianapolis, Indiana.

We extend a hearty welcome to Kenneth Cook as our yarn man. Hope you like working with us, Kenneth.

Irene Davis has returned to work after a ten day stay in Cincinnati, Ohio, visiting friends.

Olean Lane is now a bachelor girl as her mother, Mrs. B. F. Hucks, and Olean's son, Larry, are spending some time at Myrtle Beach, S. C., with relatives.

Esther Towery and family recently spent a week-end at her home in Forest City, N. C.

Lena Brown and husband, Robert, enjoyed a week-end fishing trip to Lake Wacamac. Lena came back with a beautiful sunburn.

Eleanor Cox, her husband, Bill, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, are visiting relatives in Niagara Falls, New York, and then are going on into Canada for a vacation.

Our Second Anniversary Child



MY, HOW the years do fly! Wonder how many Hillcrest and High Point Weaving employees would recognize this attractive young model as Priscilla Ann Davis, who made her debut exactly two years ago in the first issue of the "Point-Crest" in June, 1944.

Priscilla, who celebrates her third birthday in August, is the daughter of Hester Davis, Hillcrest winder. No, we are not trying to remind you of those fleeing years, but the camera man just couldn't resist such a pretty young lady. Could you?

Second Shift

Ornie Flynt's mother who lives in Madison, N. C., was injured in an accident recently. We sincerely wish for her a speedy recovery.

We are sorry to hear that Kate Hunt's father is in the hospital. We hope he will soon be on his way to a speedy recovery.

We welcome Calvin Melton as filling hauler on second shift.

Third Shift

Hazel Rutledge spent the week-end at her home in Pilot Mountain, N. C. Annie Sloan took advantage of the plant holiday and made a bee-line for White Lake.

Glad to see Frances Tuttle back on the job with us. Frances was out sick for several days.

Lola Workman spent a few days recently with her husband in Oteen, N. C.

Ruth Lanier has been out sick for a few days. Glad to see you back again, Ruth.

Paul Wood and Rudolph Frith took advantage of the plant holiday and went fishing. Paul tells us they had lots of luck. They caught one BIG one that measured about six inches in length and a whole lot of small ones. Of course, as usual all of the larger ones just slipped off the hook.

WEAVE ROOM

First Shift

Glad to have Darrell Garner back with us after serving almost three years in the army. Welcome back, Darrell.

Holland Embler spent the week-end at Carolina Beach recently. Hope you had an enjoyable week-end, Holland.

Another old timer is back with after serving Uncle Sam for quite a while. None other than Al Coppedge, weaving supply clerk. Glad to see you back with us, Al.

Guess all the fellows who have a yen for honey will have to see Tom Harris. A swarm of bees have moved in on Tom and from all reports a good crop of the sweet stuff is expected. Lucky guy!

Glad to hear that Henry Reid's wife is improving after being ill for some time.

Glad to hear that Alonzo Stokes is improving after undergoing an operation recently. Hope you will soon be back with us, Alonzo.

Mr. J. W. White, gateman, is in the Washington Street Unit of the High Point Memorial Hospital. We all wish for him a speedy recovery.

Second Shift

We are happy to welcome the following new employees: Peggy Surratt, Cora Bell Hazzard, and Paul Kitchin, shuttle fillers and John Lemons, loom cleaner. We hope you will enjoy working with us.

Baron, small son of Virginia Hiatt, had the misfortune of catching his hand in the wringer of the washing machine, breaking one finger and badly bruising his arm. Also, another son, Richard, broke a finger playing ball. He is back in the game, but Baron is satisfied to leave the wash for others to do.

Dick Lowe is back after an absence of a few days with a sore throat.

Little Linda Ann Hunt, daughter of Myrtle and Dewey Hunt, cut her foot badly on a broken bottle while playing at her home.

We wish to express our sympathy to Paul Morris and family in the passing of an uncle, Edwin H. Spease, of High Point.

Third Shift

The third shift was glad to see Horace Simmons come through the mill last week. Horace is now working in Norfolk, Va. He was formerly a loom fixer on the third shift.