

MENTION AROUND THE MILLS

Sheeting Mill

Noel Hopkins, Supply Room clerk, resigned his position with the company to enter defense work. Noel worked the second shift for several years and so thoroughly liked and esteemed was he that the loom fixers on that shift are unanimous in expressing regret at his departure. One of them stated: "Hopkins is the best supply man we ever had here. Often we would go to the supply room for a loom part and if we didn't have the number of the part, Noel would write it on our order for us. He knew the number of every part, which is amazing, considering the hundreds of parts there are." The loom fixers, in a body, called at the supply room Saturday and individually expressed their respect for Hopkins, wishing him the best of luck in his new work. They also presented him with an envelope containing a sum of money.

Boyd Minter, for several years Head Supply clerk, has been transferred to the Blanket Cloth Room to head the second shift. Boyd formerly worked in the Cloth Room.

Mrs. Madge Kirkman has returned to work after being out sick for several days.

Blanket Mill

The entire community was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of one of our oldest and most esteemed citizens, J. L. Motley, on Tuesday, September 8th. Mr. Motley had lived here and worked in the Blanket Mill for a number of years, and several members of his family are also employed here. He will be greatly missed and our heartfelt sympathies go to the bereaved members of his family.

Mrs. J. T. Hurd and Miss Virginia Ward, of Spray, visited Private Edward Hurd at Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C., during the past weekend. Private Hurd is reporting to be recovering from a severe back injury.

We all envy Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Tolbott and Mr. and Mrs. "Shorty" Webb. They've chosen the most restful way of vacationing—camping out in the hills for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Powell and Mr. and Mrs. James Wade spent Saturday in Danville.

"Bunk" Thompson and Edward Newman have resigned their positions here and are taking government jobs.

Mrs. Cassell Hyler and daughter, Priscilla, spent the weekend with her parents in Mayfield.

Frank and Fred Adkins, of the Army, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Adkins, for a few days.

Among those leaving the mill to re-

turn to school are Frank Henry, Clinton Rodgers and Melvin Overby.

Mrs. Gladys Leary is spending the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Walton Hamrick, in Fayetteville, N. C.

The U. S. Army has called again, this time taking R. N. Horsley, Robert Martin, Bonnie Carter, Jesse Manuel and James Wilson. The boys will leave within the week.

Mrs. Leona Smart and daughter, Maurine, and Miss Lucile Powell accompanied Mrs. Smart's daughter, Madeline, to Cleveland, Tenn., where Miss Smart will enter college this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Posey Clifton and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker and children, spent the weekend with relatives in Vesta, Va.

Woolen Mill

The Roache reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Rosa Earles, in Axton, Va., Route No. 2, on Sunday, August 23rd. A large number of relatives and friends were present. The "Rockingham Ramblers" and "The Mountain Valley String Band" rendered much enjoyed musical selections throughout the day. Dinner was served—picnic style—on the lawn at noon. In the afternoon Rev. H. C. Clay delivered a talk that was interesting and inspiring. After the benediction, with prayers for our boys in the armed services, the meeting adjourned until the fourth Sunday in August, 1943, at the same place.

We all wish a speedy recovery for the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Slick Earle, who is now in Danville hospital.

W. D. Haris and Aubrey Hambrick, of Portsmouth, Va., spent last weekend with their respective families in North Spray.

Pete Mabes, of Portsmouth, Va., was a visitor with his wife and children in North Spray last week.

A letter of interest to all of us was received from Cpl. Luther G. Meadows by his mother, Mrs. P. W. Meadows, which follows:

Dear Mother and all: Just a few lines to let you know that I am O.K. and enjoying life just fine. I guess you have been worrying a lot about me but there is nothing to worry about. If you could see us over here you would probably want to come over and stay a while yourself. It is like a vacation trip, mosquitoes and all. I would like to tell you where I am but am not allowed to, but I can tell you a little about the place. We are across the Equator; there are whites and natives here and all are friendly to us. It is warm all the time and oranges, tangerines, coconuts and a lot of sugar cane and bananas grow here. You can buy a horse for fifteen

dollars and many of the boys have bought them. We were down by the river the other day and asked one of the natives if there were any fish. He said "small ones", and held out his hands the length of his arm as the size of them.

It looks like Max Meeks is doing O. K. at the Cotton Ball. That is Dicky Powell's girl friend he is dancing with. I bet Dicky hated to miss out on the fun at the Ball this year (too bad I get The Leaksville News, Ha). When did you see Lewis Cox? Guess it's time for him to get caught in the draft. Tell him to drop me a line and tell all the folks in the mill hello for me.

Well, guess I'll close for this time. Hope things there are as good as they are here, and tell the folks in the country hello and that I'm having a swell time. Answer soon. Love, Luther G. Meadows.

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Bleachery

Mrs. Louise Sweeney spent the weekend at Buckroe Beach, Va., where she visited Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Powell.

Mrs. Reuben Belton spent the weekend in Newport News, Va., with her husband.

Miss Lena Banner of Burnsville, N. C., is spending a few days with Miss Celia King and her many friends here.

E. G. Pendleton and children spent the weekend with his parents in Buffalo Ridge, Va.

Misses Elise Smith, Blanche and Mamie Kelley were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kasey, Fieldale, Va.

Mrs. Elizabeth Washburn and daughter, Sunshine, spent the weekend visiting with her sisters, Mrs. Roy Cruise, Mrs. Iva York and Mrs. W. C. Smart, all of Martinsville, Va.

Miss Evelyn Cruise spent the weekend with her grandfather, S. D. Cruise, Stuart, Va.

Misses Iris and Margaret Robinson of Boxwood, Va., were weekend guests of Misses Elice Smith, Lennie Belle and Georgie Thomas.

Bedsprad Mill

Mrs. Dewey Webb left Friday to spend a few days with her son, Lt. Carl Webb, who is stationed at Camp Davis, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gilley spent the past weekend with relatives at Roanoke, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Brannock and children visited relatives at Mt. Airy, N. C., during the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hobson and son, James, of the United States Navy, and Miss