

South Pole Exploits Of Lt. Conrad Shinn Related In Magazine

Lt. Conrad S. Shinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Shinn and former canteen boy at Fieldcrest Mills, is mentioned in National Geographic Magazine for October in an article written by Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, whom Shinn accompanied on the expedition to the South Pole during the early part of 1947.



In the article entitled "Our Navy Explores Anarctica" Admiral Byrd tells of a mission piloted by Lt. Shinn over a previously undiscovered mountain range. "This flight flew at an altitude of 14,500 feet without oxygen on one of the coldest days in February before the plane was over the level surface of the plateau with no mountains ahead," the article stated.

"When the clouds cleared temporarily, the crew saw below them one very large range. The colors of the barren peaks ranged from dark brown to dark red. Shinn describes them as having an 'ashy' look and feels that they are of volcanic origin," Admiral Byrd wrote.

Other striking features encountered by the flights were a 20-mile-long "canyon above the clouds" with sheer, towering rock walls about eight miles apart on both sides, and a "great strange valley" whose floor was paved with black, rounded ice-free hillocks from 15 to 30 feet high, according to the magazine.

Local Unit of National Guard Receives Honor

The Tri-City unit of the National Guard, Cannon Company, 120th Inf., NCNG, has won honor as the first company in North Carolina to reach full strength as authorized by the War Department. The authorized strength of five officers and 76 enlisted men was attained on November 14.

The local unit was authorized to begin recruiting on August 15, 1947 and on September 22 was federally recognized with strength of four officers and 22 enlisted men. Main weapons of the company will be medium tanks mounted with 105's. Approximately half of the enlisted men are veterans of World War II.

The company is commanded by Capt. Cecil J. Squires, weaving foreman at the Sheeting Mill, Draper. Other officers are First Lieutenants Robert E. Burnette, John T. Rose, Jr. (Research Dept.), Ben Dunton (Engineering Dept.) and Ralph Pickup (Draper Wage Bureau). Charles E. McNair, of Rayon Mill, is first sergeant.

Veterans May Revive Insurance Without Medical Examination

Veterans who have allowed their National Service Life Insurance to lapse are reminded by J. O. Thomas, Fieldcrest Mills veterans counselor, that until December 31, 1947 reinstatement can be accomplished at any time on a statement that "you are in as good condition of health as at the time the policy lapsed," and by payment of two monthly premiums only in the case of term (or wartime) insurance.

The Veterans Administration urges those who have lapsed their insurance to give strong consideration to reinstating it before December 31, 1947. Those interested may contact Bennet Nooe, County Service Officer, Leaksville, the regional office of the Veterans Administration, Winston-Salem, or branch office No. 4, Veterans Administration.

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If we have not peace within ourselves, it is vain to seek it from outward sources.—Rochefocauld.

Fieldcrest Distributors See New 1948 Line of Blankets



Wholesale distributors of Fieldcrest products from all sections of the United States spent three days at the mills last week seeing the new lines and discussing manufacturer-distributor problems.

Picture above shows a representative group as they view the new line of blankets at the Central Warehouse display room. Left to right are: J. H. Lindsay, Fieldcrest Mill manager; R. E. Forward, Jones-Witter and Co., Inc., Columbus, Ohio; Porter J. Case, Porter J. Case Associates, Los Angeles, Cal.; Scott Gentry, Hibben, Hollweg and Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; P. W. Klaus, Richmond Dry Goods Co., Richmond, Va.; and A. F. Lux, of Fieldcrest Mills, department manager, sales to distributors.

ABSENTEE METER

Two-week periods ending
October 26 and November 9

	Per Cent	
MILL	10-26	11-9
Woolen	4.9	4.0
Hosiery	5.5	4.8
Towel	5.1	5.0
Finishing	3.7	5.1
Central Warehouse ...	4.2	5.3
Embr. Bedspread	5.3	5.3
Bleachery	5.2	6.2
Rayon	5.8	6.4
Bedspread	5.8	6.7
Karastan	7.0	7.4
Blanket	8.7	7.9
Sheeting	12.6	13.5
TOTAL	7.1	7.3