

Blue Ridge Assembly Has Significance In Lives Of Local Men



T. P. Shinn (left) and J. K. McConnell
..... Blue Ridge Revisited

An interesting story is connected with the above picture. The photo was made on the porch of Robert E. Lee Hall at Blue Ridge during the 31st annual Southern Industrial Relations Conference in July, 1950.

McConnell and Shinn were present when the Y. M. C. A. Assembly opened at Blue Ridge in 1912. McConnell at that time was attending college and Shinn was a Y. M. C. A. worker at Kannapolis.

The two men also were present in 1919 at the first meeting at Blue Ridge of the Southern Industrial Relations Conference. Shinn had just returned from France where he served in World War I and McConnell was secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Piedmont, Ala. Neither had ever been to Spray. But soon after the Conference of 1919, both men moved here, McConnell as secretary of Central "Y", Shinn in the same position at North Spray "Y." Both had been hired, mostly through Blue Ridge contacts, by W. B. Weaver.

Shinn engaged in Y. M. C. A. work for some years and has been head of the Y. M. C. A. Canteen service since its establishment. McConnell was associated with the Y. M. C. A.'s here for almost 30 years. He left the Y. M. C. A. in 1948 to become manager of the Fieldcrest Mills Employees Store. He became industrial chaplain of Fieldcrest Mills in early 1950.

Interestingly enough the picture was made by Arthur Whitehead, formerly of Fieldcrest Mills, and who engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in the Tri-Cities and Fieldale, Va., for a number of years. Whitehead is now located at Piedmont, Ala., the community from which McConnell came to Spray. As a personnel man with the Standard Coosa-Thatcher Company (textile mills) Whitehead has responsibility for the Piedmont "Y."

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1950

Wildlife Group Will Meet At Wentworth

The Leaksville Township Chapter of the Rockingham County Wildlife Club will meet with the county organization in a general meeting at the courthouse in Wentworth at 8:00 p. m. Tuesday, September 5. Marshall Meeks, of the Finishing Mill Shearing Dept., president of the local chapter, urges Wildlife Club members and all interested persons to attend.

Ross Stevens, executive secretary of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, will speak. A film entitled "Clean Waters" will be shown.

Finishing Mill Man Honored By Sportsmen

Junior M. Morgan, deputy fish and game protector in the Spray area, has been honored for his achievements in wildlife conservation and good sportsmanship. A complete fly fishing outfit was provided by local sportsmen and sporting goods dealers. The gift was presented in informal ceremonies by Marshall Meeks (Finishing Shearing), president of the Leaksville Township chapter of the Rockingham County Wildlife Club.

A citation was read praising Mr. Morgan "for his personal interest in decent sportsmanship and better fishing" and for his efforts in "stopping illegal seining, dynamiting, and netting fish while at the same time teaching conservation and sportsmanship to the boys who fish our streams."

Mr. Morgan is employed in the Finishing Mill Napping Dept. third shift. He was appointed a deputy fish and game protector some months ago. He serves without pay and directs his efforts mainly toward education in the matter of wildlife conservation rather than the arrest of violators.



Junior Morgan, left, and Marshall Meeks
.....Fishing outfit presented.....

Successful Model



Rose Dent, former Fieldcrest employee and now a John Powers model in New York is pictured in the August issue of "Seventeen" magazine. She is scheduled to appear in "Seventeen," "Senior Prom" and "Charm" in their September issues. She previously appeared in "Mademoiselle," "Life," and modeled a hat in the July issue of "Harper's Bazaar."

Miss Dent before going to New York worked in the Fieldcrest Mills Personnel Dept. at Leaksville, in the Wage Bureau at Spray and in the Setting Dept. at Karastan. She joined Fieldcrest following graduation from Leaksville High School in 1945 and after attending business school in St. Louis. She has been in New York for about one year. The young model is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dent of Byrd Avenue, Leaksville. Her mother is employed in the Bedsread Spinning Dept.

Baby Department

Martha Elizabeth Duggins, eleven months old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robah Duggins. Her grandfather, George Via, is a retired employee of the Dyeing Dept. at the Bedsread Mill. Martha Elizabeth's mother was a former employee at Karastan.



Martha Duggins

When profits disappear so does prosperity.