

# Happenings . . .

## Employees' Relative Remembers Experiences During The "War"

Many people have heard their grandparents tell stories about life during the war. But when Ida Evans, the grandmother of two Fieldcrest employees, told war stories, she was not referring to World War I. She talked about experiences of her life as a young girl during a war most of us can only learn about in history books—the Civil War.

Mrs. Evans died recently at the age of 124. Sixteen children and nearly 200 grandchildren and great-grandchildren were lucky enough to hear her talk about her life and

various experiences including some of the following which she related to a newspaper reporter when she was 117 years old.

"We were squatters—just moved on some land and put up a cabin on it," she said in an article in the Washington Evening Star in 1970. "My father and brothers went off to war. One day they came and took them off. They didn't go on their own. I remember hearing people talk about what a bad man Mr. Lincoln was.

"We didn't know the war was over

until my brothers came home. One was crippled. . .my father didn't come at all. They said he was killed but we didn't know where.

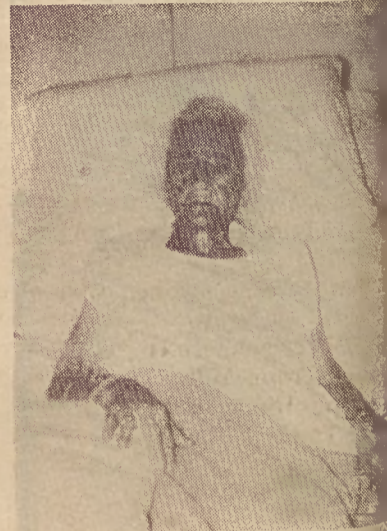
"When the Yankee soldiers came they took all the food in our cabin—bear meat mostly and corn meal, I think."

Born on New Year's Day, 1853, Ida Packs married for the first time a few years after the war when she was 14. She had three husbands during her lifetime and "they were all good men — ever one of them — but I reckon I liked the last one (Willy Evans) as good as any."

History became reality as she told about the first time she had seen airplanes and automobiles and the electric light. She was about 25 when she had her first pair of "store-boughten" shoes, the kind that buttoned up the side.

"I'll tell you, I've had plenty of exercise in my life and maybe that's why the Lord let me live so long—'cause I've worked so hard," she said about her longevity.

Mrs. Evans' granddaughter, Linda Estes, is a secretary in the Industrial Engineering Department at the Blanket Greige Mill. One grandson, James David Biggs, works in the Shop at the Sheet Finishing Mill.



MRS. IDA EVANS at age 124 retained vivid memories of life during the Civil War. She also countered a lot of America's aggressive "firsts" during her life span including the first airplane, the first automobile and a fangled gadget—the electric light. Two of her 200 grandchildren and great-grandchildren are Fieldcrest employees.



KARASTAN SOFTBALL TEAM MEMBERS (left-right, kneeling) George Curry, Maurice Holley, Eddie Barker, Danny Wilson, Jeff Wray and Henry Holley (in front); (left-right, standing) Phillip Odell, John Mize, Jr., Bill Pettigrew, Mark Hines, Butch Teague and Tommy Amburn.

## Karastan Team Plays First Softball Season

Players on the softball team sponsored by the Karastan Rug Mill look back on their first season with some memories of victory and some of defeat but all appreciate the opportunity to have participated in the summer sports league.

One of the most disappointing moments may have come when they played Gann's Restaurant team in an area tournament game and lost by a narrow margin of one run in the seventh inning after leading by several runs throughout the game.

The team, a member of the Stoneville Softball League, included approximately a dozen Fieldcrest employees. They are: Tommy Amburn-Karastan; Douglas Barker-Karastan; Mark Hines-Nonwoven; Maurice Holley-Karastan; John Mize, Jr.-Nonwoven; Bill Pettigrew-Karastan; Johnny Powell-Nonwoven; Butch Teague-Karastan; and Danny Wilson-Karastan.

Other team members included Eddie Barker, Ralph Hill, Phillip Odell, Jeff Wray and Henry Holley (bat boy).

The Karastan team will wrap up its first season of play this week.

## Card Of Thanks

The Family of Carrie Adams wishes to extend our thanks and appreciation for acts of kindness, cards, flowers, food, prayers of our friends and neighbors during our recent bereavement.



KATHY WILSON



RONALD BROOKS

## Two Receive Grants-In-Aid

Two additional Grants-In-Aid have been awarded to employees' children by the Fieldcrest Foundation. The new recipients are Kathy Wilson and Ronald Brooks.

Kathy is the daughter of Mrs. Kathleen Wilson, an employee at the

Blanket Finishing Mill. She will attend Danville Community College.

Ronald is the son of Mrs. Brooks, a retiree of the Phenix Plant. He plans to study at Chattahoochee Valley College.

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