

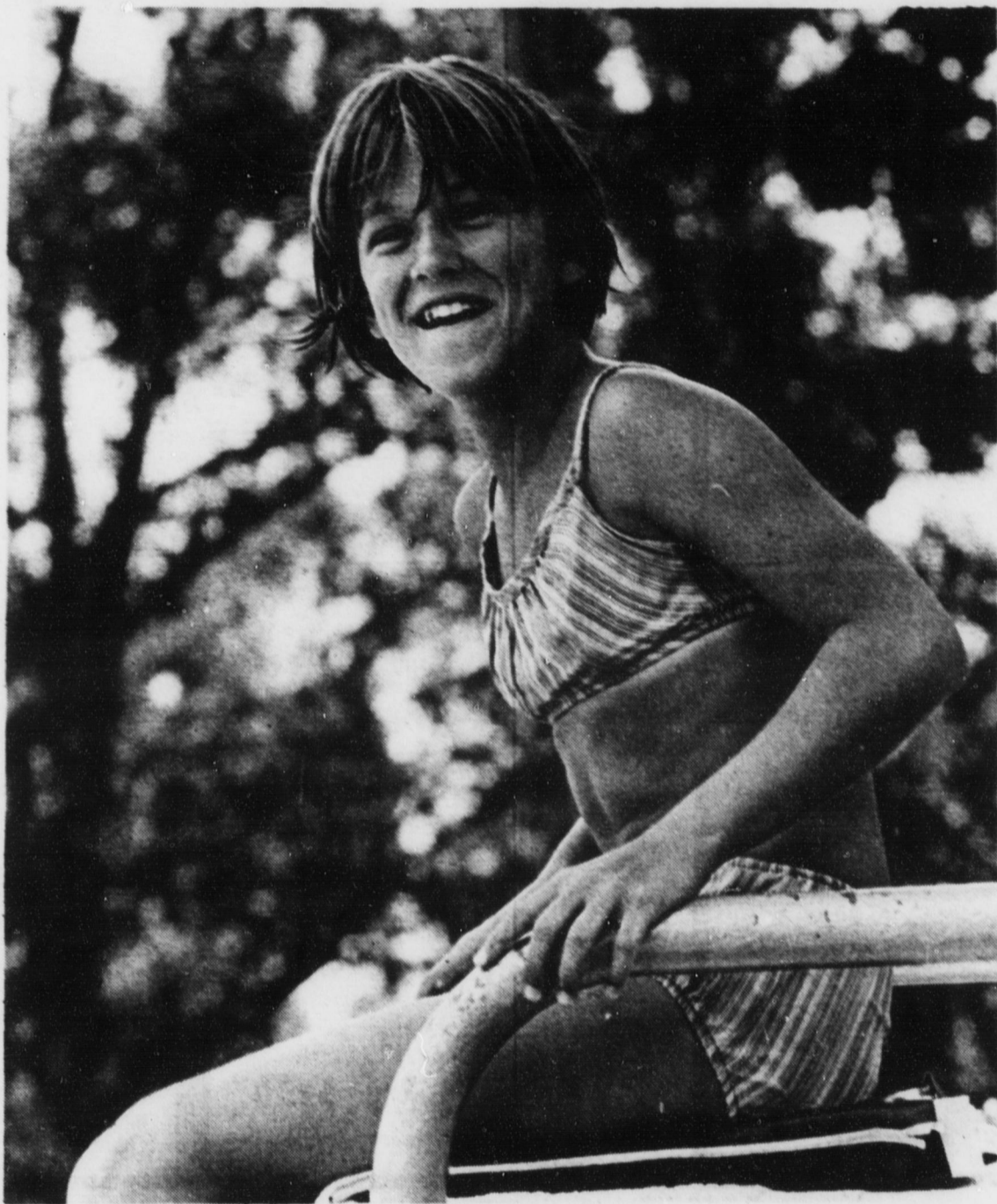
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Burlington To Close Finishing Plant Here



The guard was shoved into the pool, so Gloria Ridenhour took his seat.

Company To Continue Utilities, Recreation

Erwin Mills' dyeing and finishing plant here will be closed over the next three to four weeks, it was announced Tuesday by Burlington Industries, owners of the plant since 1963.

The closing will affect about 250 people.

Burlington officials said that the company would continue to operate the water and sewer plants, the recreational program, swimming pool and library until a satisfactory solution can be found.

Vice President Cyrus E. Cooley said the plant has been operating at approximately half-capacity because of the continuing decline in business for heavier weight apparel fabrics.

The big blow came in March when Burlington closed its spinning and weaving operations here. About 750 were laid off then.

"We were hopeful that finishing operations could be continued even if on a limited basis," Cooley said. "However, business continued to

deteriorate and we have no choice but to cease operations."

Closing of the dyeing and finishing plant was not altogether unexpected here. Certainly Tuesday's announcement was not nearly as startling as the sudden announcement in March that the bulk of the plant would be closed.

Most of the employees laid off earlier have found employment with Fiber Industries taking the largest number. Fiber now employs more people in the Cooleemee and Davie County than Erwin laid off in its March closing.

Meanwhile, Burlington said that most of the 250 people affected by the impending layoff will share in some \$260,000 profit sharing benefits. The company also said that full assistance will be given in finding other employment in the area.

About 45 or 50 people will be retained by Burlington in Cooleemee. They will operate the water and sewer system, the recreation program and a warehousing operation that will be continued.

Cooley said that Burlington has endeavored to sell the Cooleemee plants, either as a complete operation or as separate units. The company has been in touch with the Department of Conservation and Development in finding a buyer.

"We have had no success thus far," Cooley said, "but efforts will continue both within the company and outside to find other operations that might utilize the plant."

Grid Players Meet Tuesday

Coach James Conger has announced there will be a meeting of all sophomore through senior boys who are interested in playing football at Davie High School this year, in the school Gym on Tuesday, August 5, at 8 p.m.

Interested boys are urged to attend this meeting.

312th Returns

Davie War Vets Are Coming Home!

Some 25 servicemen from Davie County are scheduled to arrive home this weekend from Vietnam.

They are members of the 312th Hospital Evacuation Unit from Winston-Salem which will be returning home a couple of months early by orders of President Nixon.

Sp-5 Fred Ellis, who is stationed in Vietnam with the 312th, called his wife Friday with the good news that he should be home this weekend.

The unit will arrive at Fort Bragg for processing but it is unknown at this time if they will be discharged there or in Winston-Salem.

Eight From Here Complete Course

Eight Cooleemee residents are among the 34-Davie County women who have been certified as trained hospital sitters and may be called on by the Davie County Hospital for assistance.

Mrs. Mildred Foster, manpower directors for the Davie Community Action Program, set up the 16 hour course which was conducted through the facilities of the Davidson Community College.

Registered Nurse, Mrs. Kate Wilson, conducted the course at the health occupations classroom at Davie Central High where clinical facilities were available for instruction.

Prior to taking the course sitters were only allowed to call for nurses when patient care was needed.

Now, the trained sitters have learned simplified nursing care and can handle such duties as bed baths, bed making, feeding helpless patients, turning and lifting patients and back rubs.

Those completing the course are listed at the Davie Hospital where they may be called for assistance.

The eight graduates from Cooleemee are: Miss Willie Mae Clark, Mrs. Elizabeth Neely, Miss Mary Lou Wilson. Mrs.

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You Can Learn How To Sew

The Vocational Home Economics Department at Davie County High School plans to have a class in beginning sewing. The instructors will emphasize how to choose fabrics and patterns, and how to construct a dress that will both fit and be handsomely made.

The classes will be taught in the Home Economics Department at Davie County High School on the mornings of August 18, 19, and 20. The time will be from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. A planning meeting will be held in the department on the morning of August 6 at 9 o'clock.

This opportunity is made available under the public school system and is free of charge.