

Safety Class Ends with Bar-B-Q

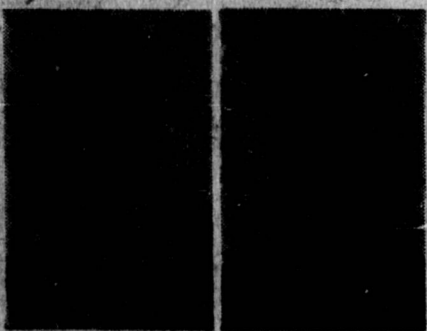
Training Classes Begin At Erwin This Week

As a climax to the conclusion of Industrial Relations Training Class a barbecue was held for the members of the various conferences at Turner's Monday evening, April 2nd. A large crowd gathered early for this outing and the bounty of barbecued pork, brunswick stew, corn pone, and various green salads was set before the group after an invocation by Clarence T. Poe. When the tables had been cleared W. V. Byers acted as M.C. and introduced various guests from the central office.

K. P. Lewis, President, commented on his satisfaction with the Training Classes and his hope that employees would take advantage of the training facilities offered them. He further emphasized the need for informed management in the modern textile world. Following Mr. Lewis, W. H. Ruffin congratulated the conferees on their enthusiastic attendance at the training meetings and expressed his desire to see that all such training as desired by the employees and felt necessary to the improvement, welfare of the Company in general should be promoted. Carl R. Harris spoke of his pleasure in being at the barbecue and endorsed all that had been said. F. T. de Vyver assured the gathering that he was the last of the vice-presidents and that speech making would not take up all of the evening's program. Following his usual good humor he briefly expressed his satisfaction with the Safety and Management Training that had thus far been carried out under the newly organized Central Personnel Department. He expressed regret that W. G. Marks, Director of Training and Safety could not be present at the outing.

After a big laugh from M. C.'s hilarious joke, P. B. Parks, Gen-
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Call and Sneed Receive Army Service Award



Ralph Call Eugene Sneed

Cpl. Ralph Call, former Erwin employee, has been recently awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Germany in February. He also has the Bronze Star for gallantry under enemy fire. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Call of Mocksville, Route 4. His wife is the former Margaret Mayberry.

Cpl. Eugene Sneed, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Sneed, of Erwin, has been awarded the Bronze Star, according to news received by his parents. The award was made for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany from Nov. 21 to Nov. 30, 1944.



Left to Right—Galen Elliott, Erwin Cotton Mills (State Recreation Committee); R. M. Love, Duke Power; Ed Swindell, City Recreation Dept.; W. S. Persons, Duke University Athletic Dept. and City Recreation Director; W. G. Marks, Safety Director, Erwin Cotton Mills Co.; W. H. Ogsbury, American Tobacco Company.

"Barnyard Golf" Promoted by Durham Men

W. G. Marks Is Aiding Erwin Areas in Setting Up Regulation Horseshoe Courts

A revival of the grand old game—horseshoes—has been undertaken in Durham and is being emphasized for Erwin recreation this spring and summer. W. G. Marks and Galen Elliott in Durham are on the City Recreation Committee that is promoting "barnyard golf" and their enthusiasm is catching the whole town. Mr. Marks has been scouting the whole nation for horseshoes of the regulation size and hopes to soon have enough to meet the needs of Erwin, Durham, and Cooleemee.

In Cooleemee regulation courts have been completed which will afford a real opportunity for employees to play the game under national rules. These courts at Cooleemee are illuminated at night which because of its location on Park Hill promises to be one of the most popular evening gathering places this summer. Present plans for this summer include horseshoe teams from each mill engaging in competition together with play among various other local teams and players in the communities near our plants.

Even to the surprise of those horseshoe addicts who are accustomed to playing back of the barn with regular mule shoes, they will find that present day horseshoe playing is done in boxes filled with clay on uniform courts. These boxes as part of a standard court have the pegs at a distance of forty feet and because of the clay surface surrounding the pegs, shoes do not slide and must therefore be pitched accurately. Modern horseshoes weigh two and one-half

pounds and are all uniform in size, which adds to the degree of skill which serious horseshoe pitchers may develop.

Those interested further in this new sports opportunity may get further information by directing inquiries to Sports Editor, THE CHATTER. These inquiries can be routed to the local editor's office via the superintendent's office.

Silver Star Awarded Renn Posthumously

Mrs. Mary Lou Boyd Renn was presented the Silver Star "for gallantry in action" (October 24, 1944) on behalf of her husband, Second Lt. Walter B. Renn. Lt. Renn was reported killed in action November 14, 1944. Mrs. Renn received the posthumous award from Col. Herbert Poole at Camp Butner.

Before entering the service, Lt.



Lt. Walter B. Renn and his cousin T/Sgt. Jesse Griffin, both formerly employed at Plant No. 4.

Renn was a loom-fixer at Plant No. 4 in Durham. He received in service the following awards:

Received Good Conduct Medal on Dec. 21, 1943. Received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in action against the enemy in July 1944. Awarded the Purple Heart July 20, 1944 for wounds received in battle. Received Combat Infantryman's Badge July 5, 1944. Commissioned Second Lieutenant, on the battlefield in France Aug. 24, 1944 and was in line to be commissioned First Lieutenant at the time of his death.

T/Sgt. Jesse Griffin, a cousin of Walter Renn shown above with him, was reported killed in action July 20, 1944.

Carl Godwin, Erwin Man Killed in Action

Pvt. Carl Godwin, age 24, was killed in action on February 3, 1945 in Belgium, according to a telegram received by Mrs. Carl S. Godwin. Pvt. Godwin received his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and was with the Infantry of Gen. Patton's 3rd Army. Pvt. Godwin is survived by his wife, the former Miss Ethel Robinson of Bear Creek, four children, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Godwin of Linden, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wood of Fayetteville, N. C. Before entering the service Pvt. Godwin was employed in the Cloth Room on the second shift.

Walter Hobbs, who has been in declining health for the past several months, died Sunday, April the first. Death was attributed to hemorrhage of the brain.

Silver Star Goes to Sgt. York with the 9th Inf. Overseas

Staff Sergeant Samuel G. York, killed October 12 in Germany, has been awarded the Silver Star, posthumously, for gallantry in action.

Sgt. York's citation reads in part: "Attempting to make contact with an adjacent supporting company, Sgt. York's patrol encountered a large enemy force which had infiltrated behind the lines. Engaging the enemy in a fire fight, the numerically superior enemy forced Sgt. York to withdraw his patrol."

"Notifying his unit of the situation, he led his company through a small neck of woods 20 yards to the enemy front, creeping upon the enemy with secrecy, and made contact with the unit on the flank. A joint attack was executed which destroyed the enemy group."

"Then, moving forward with his platoon, Sgt. York assisted in the capture of several riflemen defending a pillbox. Learning that the pillbox was still occupied, he assaulted the emplacement with hand grenades and a Browning Automatic Rifle and captured one German officer and five enlisted men."

"Sgt. York's aggressive initiative, devotion to duty, and courageous actions, contributed materially to the success of the operations and were a credit to himself and to the Armed Forces of the United States."

He had participated in the battles for Normandy, France, Northern France, and Germany.

Before Sgt. York, son of Mrs. Mary C. York, was inducted, he resided at Harmony, N. C., and worked in the Vat Dye Dept. of Mill No. 3.

TO THE BOYS IN SERVICE:

We appreciate the letters we have been receiving and hope you will keep them coming. Remember this is your paper, too. We want your news, your criticisms, your ideas. If there is any problem you have, just write us and we will try to find the answers for you as soon as possible and send you a letter in return. We are trying to answer all your letters and will do so as soon as possible.

Chas. Bennett Killed in Action on Iwo Jima



Charles Bennett Thomas Bennett

Sgt. Charles E. Bennett was killed in action on Iwo Jima according to telegram from the War Department received by his father.

Pvt. Thomas Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bennett of Erwin, and brother of Sgt. Bennett. Their father is employed in No. 5 Weave Room.