

8/Sgt. Charles H. Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierce of Coo se, is now with the Combat Ensomewhere in Germany. 'Patch'' is well known here and has from time to time worked at Mill

Cooleemee American Legion Sponsors Clothing Drive

During the month of April the American Legion Post 54 of Cooleemee sponsored and supervised the collection of approximately 3,500 pounds of clothing in Coolee-

The big drive was conducted Sunday, April 15, with the Boy Scouts helping the Legionaires handle the job. From April 15 to April 30 an additional amount has been left in the boxes at the school, at the J. N. Ledford Company in Cooleemee and at Everhardt's and Foster's stores in North Cooleemee.

Mr. Tatum, chairman of the drive, is well pleased with the results and expresses his thanks to the Legion for its splendid cooperation, to the Boy Scouts for their assistance, to the Lions Club for helping with advertising the drive and to the people of Cooleemee for their wholehearted support.

Cooleemee Lions Club Holds "Charter Night"; Wives Are Guests

The Cooleemee Lions held their Charter Night on Thursday, April 26th. Many out-of-town Lions with their wives from Salisbury, High Point, Winston-Salem, Concord, and Kannapolis were present together with the Cooleemee Lions and their wives and guests.

The meeting was called to order by the Club President, Lion G. R. Madison, and opened with everybody singing "America," led by Lion Okeh Allison of Winston-Salem. Lion G. L. Royster pronounced the invocation after which dinner was served by the ladies of the Methodist Church.

The toastmaster, Lion C. N. Spry, called upon Lion E. C. Tatum for the address of welcome. Lion Glenn Ketner of Salisbury gave the response after which the toastmaster introduced the guests.

The Cooleemee High School Glee Club gave as entertainment a Gay Nineties Revue which everybody enjoyed.

The charter was presented by District Governor J. H. Kalte of High Point to President G. R. Madison, who accepted it for the local

Lion J. H. Kalte introduced the speaker for the evening, Lion Judge G. H. Hasting of Winston-Salem. He gave a very stirring speech, emphasizing the need of cooperation in Lionism for the bet-terment of the community, thus making this a better nation to live

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BHIPPING

Lawrence Williams has recently

bought a farm in Rowan County.

It is reported that Levi Miller broke some teeth recently while eating an oatmeal cookie.

The other day Lonnie Peebles asked Lonnie Pruitt to help him

kill a goat. In the process Pruitt came near to being the goat.

One of our boys went to the Shop recently looking for a sawdust pump. He didn't find one.

The second shift boys are all fine except J. B. Duck seems to be having some difficulty in finding the right kind of watch.

John L. Brown told Duck to "straighten up and fly right."

Alexanders' Have Five Sons in Armed Services

The following five servicemen are brothers and are sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Alexander of Cooler Mr. Alexander is overseer of

Spinning Room at Mill No. 3: 8/Sgt. Charles E. Alexander, before entering service, was overseer of the Warehouse. He entered service in April, 1942, and has just recently returned from 33 months in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. He is with the Army Postal

S/Sgt. James B. Alexander was formerly employed in the Spinning Room at Mill No. 3. He entered service in February, 1942, and since has been an instructor with the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Pvt. Theodore Alexander, a former Warp Room employee, entered service in February, 1945. He is now sta-

tioned at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Roy Alexander, GM 3/C, left, and
Sinclair Alexander, MO MM 1/C, right, are both in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific. Both entered service in September, 1942. The above picture was made at their first meeting in more than 18 months in the Pacific



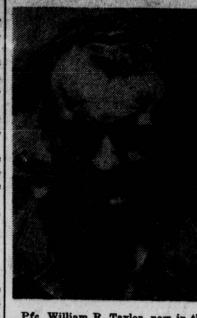
Roy and Sinclair Alexander



Theodore Alexander James Alexander



Wm. Taylor Receives. Bronze and Silver Stars



Pfc. William B. Taylor, now in the Philippines, has been awarded the Bronze Star, the Silver Star and an Oak Leaf Gluster for meritorious service in action. William entered service in April, 1942, and has been overseas since early 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor.

SPINNING

Mr. John A. Reynolds is back at work after being out several weeks recently due to sickness.

Guy Foster was walking through the Spinning Room on May 1st and found a dime. On May 2nd, he was out. "How long would you stay out if you found a dollar, Guy ?"

While in the Cooleemee Market Lee Trexler ordered a cup of coffee. He used some sugar and Pepsi-Cola in place of cream. Lee, don't you know Pepsi-Cola from cream?

We are all very glad to have Mr. McCall back with us after being out for a throat operation.

Mrs. Annie Miller is back at work after being out for several weeks due to the serious illness of her husband.

We are wondering who is going to have the best report card on warp now.

We want to welcome five newcomers from the third shift: Grace Pierce, Edith Painter, Bessie Myers, Gladys Frye and Thomas Warren.

Mrs. Eaton is back with us after being out with her sister who has been seriously ill.

Mrs. Hester Ball is out sick at this writing. Here's hoping she will soon be better.

You know, it is bad enough these days to go visiting and have a flat tire, but to go and have a blow-out and no extra tire and be forced to come in on the rim, that's awful. How about it, Leota?

WEAVING

The interest in our safety program continues to grow. Let's all work together to make our plant the safest plant. We must win!

Jessie Graves is improving and hopes to return to his job soon.

We are glad to have George Miller back with us.

Effie Snyder is able to be back on her job after a long rest.

Alice Glass attended the funeral of her father in Birmingham, Alabama, recently.

We are indeed proud of our New Safety Committee—James Hellard, Harold Durham and Fred Wilson. The first shift is fortunate to have these young men represent it.

Our people are making a fine start with their Victory gardens.
All seem to realize that food will. help to win the war and prepare the evening for peace.

Meat is not so scarce if some of the fish stories are true.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Walter Couch and family for the loss of their son.

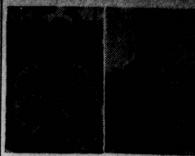
Pvt. Floyd Soots, who was wounded, is now spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Soots.

We would like to welcome Eunice Daniels and Helen McDaniel back to work after being out for some

C. W. Jacobs, Jr., son of Charlie Jacobs, is spending thirty days with his wife and parents.

Cpl. Robert Gullet is now at home after being a prisoner of war in Germany for eighty-one days. He has a sixty-day furlough. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gullet.

We wonder if any fisherman found a stray reed hook? One of our weavers lost one.



Lewrence Miller Lawrence C. Miller, Sk 3/C, for mer Mill No. 3 employee, is now we the U. S. Navy in the Admira

Islands. His wife is the format Frances Carter of Cooleemee. T/Sgt. Charles R. Miller, also former mill employee, is now sta-tioned at Yuma, Arizona. Sgt. Miller went overseas in March, 1944, fin-ished his required number of missions and returned in August, 1944. (Charles and Lawrence are the sof Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Miller.)

CLOTH & NAPPING

Why is it that some men won't take the paper home for their wives to read?

We would like to know if "Pearl Harbor" is a place or a person. What did "Pearl Harbor" have to do with a fellow who got his wind-shield broken while parked by the side of the road one night? Where was "Pearl Harbor" then? Where is "Pearl Harbor" now? We don't believe that "hair tonic" and "Pearl Harbor" can both be handled by one man at the same time.

We don't like red, and we don't want red. We don't like accidents, and we don't want accidents. BUT. we would like to have a chance at a pair of overalls sometime.

We are all glad to see Gilbert Tutterow able to work more after losing so much time because of his foot.

Too bad peace rumors got out early and caused Cleatus to lose two day's work celebrating ahead of time.

Who was it that got in a ditch near his home, and what did his wife do about it? Fine grass season—someone was

seen mowing grass in the street with a lawn mower.

Who was it from the Napper Room who was riding around over town recently, borrowed a dog and took it for a ride in the country, with hunting season closed and gas rationed?

We are all glad to have Dad Kimmer back to work after being out quite some time on account of sickness.

We are glad to have Walter Phelps back on his Napper job after quitting Saturday, resting Sunday and back to work on Monday.

Ernest Rice, former Cloth Room employee, has been promoted to Sergeant. Ernest entered service in December, 1942, took his basic training at Fort Bragg and was stationed in Washington, D. C., until he went overseas in November, 1944. He is now with the Third Army in Germany.

Mr. Jess Myers, a Shade Room employee, wishes to thank all employees of Plant No. 3 for their nice contribution recently.

THE ERWIN CHATTER is proud to honor the employees of Mill No. 3 for their expression of help and brotherhood.



ION POST RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

The American Legion National Headquarters February 16, 1945

Office of The NATIONAL ADJUTANT Indianapolis 6, Indiana R. S. Mayberry, Adjutant American Legion Post No. 54 Cooleemee, North Carolina Dear Adjutant:

During these busy days of World War II, when many demands come way of officers of Posts of The American Legion, the matter of attaining early membership goals is an outstanding achievement for the officers

It is a privilege for me to extend to you, as Adjutant of your Post, sincere congratulations of the National Organization of The American Legism as a result of your Post being awarded the 1945 Most Distinguished Service Citation, resulting from the Post having exceeded its entire 1943-44 memb ship by its enrollment for 1944-45, as of November 11.

The Post of which you are Adjutant has played a responsible role i permitting the National Organization to be proud of a precedent-shattering record this early in the 1945 membership year, whereby we are now be than 200,000 memberships ahead of the same date a year ago, and while presages a final 1945 membership of 1,800,000 or more for the new year.

The responsibilities of The American Legion are many these days. power of a greater membership is needed to carry out these obligations. is a privilege for us to salute your Post for its part in making the Legions influence felt in building a better America to which our fighting men and women will be returning one of these days.

Sincerely yours, DONALD G. GLASCOFF, National Adjutant.