

Visiting The Mills

Intimate Glimpses of Activities in Southern Textile Plants and the Men Who On and Operate Them.

KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C.

By Mrs. Ethel Thomas Dabbs (Aunt Eecky)

Phenix Mill No. 1

Phenix Mills are among the best and are running right along. At No. 1, where the general office and community store are located, one gets an idea of the splendid spirit which prevails. There's always a joke going on somebody, with general superintendent White enjoying the fun as much as anyone.

The Booster Club, composed of officials and the key men of both mills and numbering 75 or 80, have a grand outing each summer on the beach and get into a lot of "scrapes".

The Company Store is well stocked with first class products — groceries and dry goods. Some of the prettiest "Nelly Don" dresses were attractively displayed in the entrance and 275 dresses were sold in one day recently. "Sincerity" and other standard clothing for men in

seat and desirable patterns are kept in stock. Certainly someone here knows how to buy. F. B. Glass is the general manager.

L. W. Hamrick, treasurer of Phenix Mills, is always on the job, making everybody happy around him. The president, E. A. Hamrick, of Shelby, was making a call and that added to the pleasure of our visit.

Was agreeably surprised to find our friend W. H. Connor, formerly overseer at Hoskins for many years, located here in charge of day carding and spinning. G. W. White is night carder and H. C. Tate is night spinner. T. J. Ellison, second hand in spinning; Fred Owens, G. W. Green and E. W. Putnam, section men; A. J. Cody, overseer spooling and warping; H. C. Wright and J. P. Miller, other live wires.

Fred Rollins is overseer of weaving; the pretty goods made here are proof of his ability. J. D. Ripper, Jack Hale, Elam Hamrick and J. H. Whitworth are among the loom fixers.

H. C. Wilson is overseer of the cloth room; B. G. Manney in shop; Boyce W. Davis, supply clerk. My sincere thanks for services rendered. He has a copy of my "Will Allen, Spinner" with a list of around 200 names of people who have read it.

J. D. Smith, Frank Cox and some charming girls are among the office force.

Phenix Mill No. 2

This pretty mill makes yarns of superior quality. Supt. B. T. Bumgarner says that general superintendent White is one of the best. This writer had the pleasure of taking lunch with the Bumgarners and meeting the latest addition to the family, a mighty fine boy.

A girls' club has recently been organized here, with Mrs. Bumgarner a live leader. The club is doing splendid work in the community and hopes to be a power for good.

W. T. Worrell, overseer carding, has few equals in his line. A good carder is responsible for even yarns and Mr. Worrell takes pride in perfect work and co-operates with the spinner in every possible way to turn out a superior product. Robert Hensley, night carder, is imbued with the same worthy desire and ambition, and Mr. Bumgarner is well pleased with them both.

Mack Connor is overseer twisting, spooling and warping, while Mrs. Mack runs a nice little grocery store on her home lot. The Connors own their own home and a few acres, and her dahlias are the talk of the town. Yates, a young son, has inventive genius and is mechanically inclined. He has his own workshop that he built himself and a nice assortment of tools, well kept and neatly arranged. While other boys are frittering away their time, Yates

is improving his talents.

Joe Harris, overseer spinning; Frank Heath, H. C. Allman, G. E. Laney, Sam Dover, Kelley Goforth, Jethro Han, Marshall Burton, Erwin Connor, Clarence Lay and Arnold Whitehead are among those who are interested in keeping posted.

Phenix No. 2 is remarkably clean and roomy, and the operatives of both mills are delightfully friendly.

Flowers bloom in the yards and vegetables flourish in gardens. Supt. and Mrs. C. G. White have a lovely home near the general office. Plenty of shade and pretty flowers surround it. I always enjoy calling on Mrs. White who is an expert with the crochet hook.

Neisler Mills

If there are prettier and better products made in the South than those manufactured here, this scribe has never seen them. Fed spreads, mattress covers in extra-ordinary designs and colors, table damasks and draperies galore. Neither do we know a finer group of mill officials.

C. E. Neisler, Jr., is president; J. A. Neisler, secretary; P. M. Neisler, treasurer.

These mills are equipped with modern machinery which is kept clean and "shiny." Operatives are high-type, and all seem delightfully happy in their work. They are fortunate to be with such a fine progressive company and realize it.

C. G. Barber, overseer finishing, has my sincere thanks for courtesies and favors rendered. Don't know what I'd without him for an escort. I would surely get lost trying to find the various departments in "Mar" another of those mills across town, and all together make a big payroll possible.

There are eight or more mills in Kings Mountain in addition to the three Neisler mills.

Messrs. Jolly and Roberts, superintendents of carding and spinning and of weaving, are experts in their professions and make things interesting by mixing a little fun along with their work. There is no monotony here — no "dull, drab, dragging existence" as sensational Northern writers so often declare exists in the South.

Among other key men are C. D. Ware, R. H. Webb, W. B. Thompson, L. J. Cloninger, C. L. Jolly, W. J. Fulkerson, L. L. Ware, R. D. Miller, M. B. Moss, R. P. Sanders, W. H. Short and Charles H. Moss.

Was sorry to learn of the untimely death of the dye house man, Mr. Thomas, who passed out during an operation in Duke Hospital a few weeks ago. — Textile Bulletin.

Farm Export Recovery Depends On Three Major Commodities

New York, Sept. 13. — (IPS). — The recovery of foreign markets for U. S. farm products may depend pretty largely on what happens to three major agricultural items, according to a special report just released by the agricultural committee of the National Association of Manufacturers. In a study of "Foreign Trade in Agriculture" Products, laid before a wide list of business men and farmers, the committee says that the shrinkage in exports of grains, meat and cotton account for over 85 percent of the decrease in U. S. farm exports.

Ten years ago, says the report, agricultural exports were valued at \$1,907,780,000 and formed over 16 per cent of the total gross farm income. In the crop year 1936-37, agricultural exports had shrunk to \$732,326,000 and formed only about seven and a half per cent of total farm income. Part of this decrease of \$1,200,000,000, the committee says, was due to the fact that prices for all goods were much lower in 1936-37 than in 1926-27. "But of far more importance," it says, "is the fact that \$1,018,847,000, or approximately 87 per cent of this decrease was accounted for by cotton, wheat and meat.

"Therefore unless reciprocal trade agreements can increase exports in these three fields, in each of which a special condition prevails, it is difficult to see how they can materially increase our total farm exports."

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS

The fertilizer mixture which will give the highest yield of No. 1 straw berries will be tested this season by J. F. Williams of Grantham, Wayne County.

Anson farmers are finding, says County Agent Jimmie Cameron, that hogs are a splendid medium through which to market surplus corn.

Madison County pantries are stocked for the winter, reports County Agent George Miller, who gives as example one 4-H club girl who conserved 500 quarts of berries, fruit and vegetables before leaving for college this fall.

Mrs. D. E. Davis won first prize of \$100 for the best display of apples at the Wilkes County Fair when the largest display of apples ever made at that fair was judged by M. E. Gardner, professor of horticulture at State College.

Beaufort County early Irish potato growers are taking cooperative action to see that they do not get diseased seed stock for planting the new crop.

Church News

LUTHERAN CHURCH

L. Boyd Hamm, Pastor
Bible school 10:00, L. Arnold Klier, General Superintendent.
Services for the 17th Sunday after Trinity:
Morning 11:00, sermon: Jesus' Invitation to Share.
Evening 7:00, sermon: Humanity's Greatest Enemy.
Light Brigade Sunday afternoon 2:00.
Luther Leagues 6:00.
W. M. S. Circles I and Young Ladies Monday, II Friday Evening.
Boy Scouts Monday Evening 7:00.
Catechism classes Wednesday afternoon 4:00.
SAINT LUKES:—
Bible school 2:00, James Lackey, Superintendent.
The Service 3:00.

BOYCE MEMORIAL CHURCH

W. M. Boyce, Pastor
Bible School at 10:00
Morning Worship at 11:00. The pastor will answer the inquiry: "Does It Pay To Be a Christian?"
Evening Service at 7:30. In continuing the study of First Peter, the message will be of: "The Christian's Status", Chapter 2:9-11.
Y. P. C. U. meets at 6:45.
Mid-Week Service Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. P. D. Patrick, Pastor
9:45 A. M. Sunday school, C. F. Thomason, Supt.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship. Sermon Topic: "That Thy People May Rejoice in Thee."
6:45 P. M. Pioneer's Vespers. Senior Vespers.
7:30 P. M. Evening Worship. Sermon Topic: "The Personal Equation in Evangelism."
Monday 7:15 P. M. Troop One Boy Scouts. Carl Davidson, Scoutmaster. Harry Page and Jack Ormand, Assistants.
Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting, Margrace Community House, conducted by the Fellowship group.

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. E. W. Fox, Pastor
9:45 Sunday school, B. S. Peeler, Supt.
11:00 Sermon by the pastor.
7:30 The evening sermon will be featured by the singing by the young people and a sermon by Rev. Claud H. Moser, presiding elder of the Gastonia district, and the holding of the fourth quarterly conference. There are but two more Sundays of our conference year and this will be the last visit of our presiding elder for this year.
The circles of the Woman's Missionary Society will meet on Monday afternoon as follows:
Circle number one at the home of Mrs. Wray Williams on Waco road.
Mrs. L. A. Hoke is the leader.
Circle number two at the home of

Mrs. C. A. Goforth on Mountain street, Mrs. L. D. Shuford is the leader.
Circle number three at the home of Mrs. J. F. Ware on Waco road. Mrs. C. W. Harper is the leader.

First Baptist Church

Angus G. Sargeant, Pastor
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock. Sermon subject: "Can A Modern Church Change Its Course."
Sunday School 9:40 o'clock. C. G. White, Superintendent.
Sunday night, Open Forum Discussion, 7:30 o'clock. Subject: "The Place Of A Local Church In A Modern World."
At the close of the service the Ordinance of Baptism will be observed.

Park-Grace M. E. Church

C. F. Self, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Epworth League 6:30 P. M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.
Prayer Meeting Friday 7:30 P. M.
Everyone Welcome.

GRACE METHODIST

Rev. W. A. Parsons, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 P. M.
Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
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Rice—7 pounds for 25c	Butter—57c oz. Jar 25c
Ketchup — 14 oz. Bottle 10c	Tomatoes — 5 No. 2 Cans 30c

Cigarettes Luckies Carton . \$1.15

Potted Meat—5 cans 13c	All Flavor Jello—Package 5c
Vienna Sausage — can 5c	1 1/2 pound can Meatloaf 19c

Milk Armours 8 Small Cans or 4 Tall Cans 23c

Lighthouse Cleanser—3 for 10c	Irish Potatoes—10 pounds for 13c
Ivory Soap—2 large cakes 17c	Onions—3 pounds for 10c
Lux or Lifebuoy — 3 for 19c	Matches or Salt—6 for 19c

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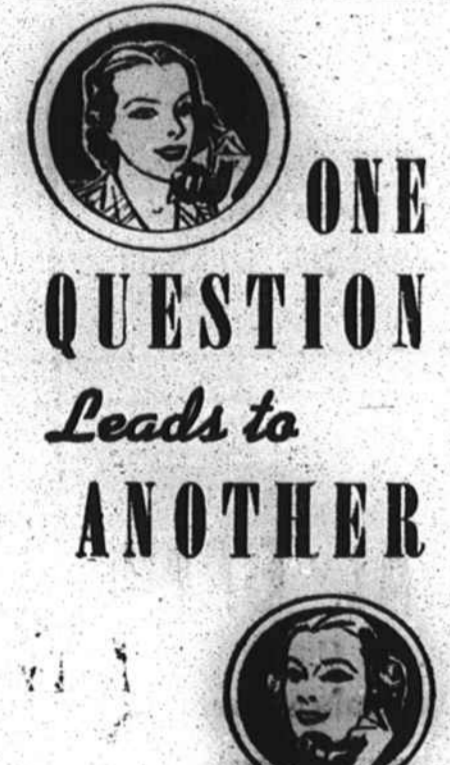
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