

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARDING

Pfc. Jack Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sellers of this department, was home for 19 days in April from his station at Roswell, New Mexico.

We're glad to see Payton Lewis, section man, back on the job following his recovery from severe illness which required hospitalization. He must be feeling good. . . He's fishing again. . . catching whoppers!

Mrs. Betty Lewis White, formerly of the carding department, has announced the birth of a son. Perry Latham White, Jr. Betty was Miss Firestone of 1950 for the Gastonia plant.

Pfc. Herman Westmoreland is home on 15 day leave from his base in Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westmoreland.

Bertha Massey, who is recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident, was visited at her home by her Sunday School Class recently. They found her in good spirits despite the painful injuries she's gradually overcoming.

Members of the carding department's fishing club include: Jesse Jones, Doyle Groom, Kurt Sanders, Drifford Helms, Kenneth Keisler, Lee Owens, Roscoe Jones, and Jess Houston. These men have made one trip as a group to nearby fishing areas and plan more during the summer months ahead.

Sgt. Bud Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Harris, has returned home for 48 days leave from Germany. He and his wife, a native of Germany, will report to New York for further assignment after his stay in Gastonia.

SPINNING

Howard Groves and Joe Howell, roving hoisters, and Florence Gilmer, spinner, are welcomed as new employees in the spinning department. Florence is returning after several years break in service and says she's surprised and pleased to see the new equipment that was added to the department during her absence.

Several members of this department had perfect attendance on the job in 1951. They are: David Rollins, Mary Herrin, Louise Tate, Fred Ballew, and Lark Stroupe.

Lewis Compton, doffer, appreciates the flowers sent his son, James, who is recovering from a recent operation. The boy has returned from the hospital but will be confined to a wheel chair for several weeks.

Congratulations to Stella Cauthern, spinner, who has returned to work after an extended illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady McAbee have moved into their new home at 1501 West Tenth Street.

Mrs. Myrtle Millwood and Betty Jean Rollins, whose mother works in spinning, were among the first to be baptized at the new Loray Baptist Church.

Mrs. Letha Hammond's son, Howard, a soldier on duty in Korea, would appreciate hearing from his friends in Gastonia. His address: Pvt. Howard Railey, RA 1444, 8094, COA c/o PM, 25th Inf. Division, 14th Regiment, San Francisco, California.

We regret to hear of the death of T/Sgt. James S. Bishop, former employee in the spinning department. He was killed recently in an

airplane crash at Mobile, Ala. His sister, Mrs. H. N. Freeland, is a third shift employee in spinning.

Joseph Roscoe, oiler and tape man, seems to have a head start on his fishermen friends. His catch of a 2½ pound bass at "Seven Oaks" on the Catawba River is the first catch of the season worth bragging about.

Cpl. Dickie Wallace was recently home on furlough from Frances Warren Air Base, Cheyenne, Wyoming. He returned to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey for assignment to overseas duty. Until enlisting in the army, Dick was employed at Firestone Textiles.

SPOOLING

Mr. and Mrs. Odess S. Killian announce the arrival of a daughter, Linda Dianne. Odess is a beam man on the first shift in the spooling department.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ware and son, Denny, spent a pleasant Easter week-end at Chimney Rock, North Carolina.

Mrs. Annabell Stowe, winder tender, is glad to welcome home her son, S/Sgt. J. D. Stowe, just returned from Korea. Sergeant Stowe spent 16 months in Korea with the United States Marines seeing considerable action while there. He's all set now for a return to civilian life inasmuch as his hitch is completed in the Marines.

Mrs. Eva Price has returned to work following an illness of 15 weeks. The department is happy to have her back.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus C. Bradshaw enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Jettie Rea, for the Easter Holidays. Jettie attends Meredith College in Raleigh.

Mrs. Lela Ward, spooler tender, is undergoing treatment in a local hospital. We trust she may soon recover and return to her job. Others on the sick list include: Mrs. Rachel Head, Mrs. Billie Newton, and Norman Price.

Fred Costner, yarn man, and Paul Cloninger, sweeper, are newcomers to our department on the third shift.

Cecil Jones has been called for an army examination and expects to report for military service soon.

TWISTING

Virginia Bradley, reclamer, and her husband, Pete Bradley, have moved into their new home at 504 Emerson Street.

Hobart Aldridge, overseer twisting, is beaming these days. The occasion. . . a new grandson.

Reclamer Clara Mitchell's daughter, Barbann, has been sick with measles.

Robert Coble, doffer, leaves in May to serve in the United States Army.

Corrie Johnson, splicer, entertained her son, Frankie, on his 8th birthday, April 7. Attending the party were 16 guests who came laden with gifts for young Frankie.

Dillard Palmer, doffer, made a fishing trip to Murphy, North Carolina, in April, which netted him only one fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor have moved into their new home at 1308 West Rankin Avenue.

Kenneth Lovingood, son of Second Hand Vernon Lovingood,

enjoyed a recent 15 day furlough with his parents.

Thomas Gainey, son of Jiles Gainey, tape man, is taking his basic training at the Naval Training Center at San Diego, Calif. He will complete his basic training this month.

H. E. (twister tender) and Mrs. Tramel are the proud parents of a baby girl, born April 7.

Congratulations to Wilburn Summey, doffer, on the occasion of his marriage to the former Margaret Heath of Kings Mountain. The young couple are at home with a sister of the bride in Love Heights.

A number of employees of this department are interested in the Gaston County Singing Convention to be held on the third Sunday in May at the First Freewill Baptist Church, corner South Willow and Fifth Avenue. There will be all day singing with dinner served on the grounds. The public is invited to attend and bring a "basket".

Homer Lee, twister tender, has sold his home and is building a new one on Essex Street.

M/Sgt. Robert L. Garrett, brother of Eva Terry, respooler, visited with her during the month of April. This marked Bob's return from a four-year tour of duty in Germany. He was accompanied by his wife, Cleo, and daughters, Gloria and Barbara.

Albert Taylor, can hauler, and his family have moved into their new home at 1308 West Franklin Avenue.

WEAVING

Mrs. Rachel Dugan, tie-in-hand, and family attended the birthday dinner for Henry Chastain, speeder tender, given by Mrs. Chastain at Rankin Lake on Sunday, April 20.

Mrs. Norma S. Beaver, tie-in-hand, entertained at a lovely shower at her home on April 11, honoring Mrs. Clyde Beaver of Baltimore, Maryland. Games and contests were enjoyed after which a daintily appointed salad plate was served. Approximately 30 guests called and Mrs. Beaver received a lovely array of gifts.

Giles Emmett, cable respooler, and wife and children spent the Easter Holidays in Banks County, Georgia, visiting relatives.

Cottage prayer services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, Monday evening in the interest of the revival at Bradley Memorial Methodist Church, which started on Sunday, April 20th.

Mrs. Blanch Hovis, splicer, 101 N. Dalton St., had cottage prayer meeting at her home on Tuesday night, April 15, preceding the revival at Loray Baptist Church which began on Monday, April 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse O. Crane, have a new son, Eric Sloan Crane. He was born March 19 and weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs.

Mr. W. A. Henson, Hendersonville, N. C., father of Mrs. J. A. Long, has died at the age of 85. He leaves his wife, 4 daughters, and 2 sons. The funeral was held at Glenville Baptist Church, Glenville, N. C.

Mrs. Earlene Gordon, weaver, attended the wedding of her daughter, Sylvia Ann Hamrick to James O. Blanton on April 12 in Gaffney, S. C. Members of the two families and a few close friends were present at the wedding. After a trip to Western North Carolina, Mr. Blanton will return to Naval Station, Pensacola, Fla. Mrs. Blanton

will be at home with her mother on Crescent Lane.

Darius Nixon, cleaner, spent Easter in Baltimore, Maryland, with friends.

CLOTH ROOM

Friends of Earl and Eva Stockton will be interested to hear that Earl is much better. He suffered a heart attack on December 11 and hasn't been well since that time. Eva asks for the prayers of all their friends.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Jack Morris of 209 S. Weldon St. isn't feeling well. Hope she'll soon be up and feeling better.

When we are well, we seem to forget our friends who are ill. Mr. Jim Smith of 504 S. Weldon St., the father of Mrs. Genever Johnson, now has Arthritis and hasn't been able to work for a year. Your cards, letters, or a friendly visit will help to bring him cheer.

Max W. Robinson, a former employee of Firestone, is now in the U.S.N. in Korea helping to supply the fleet. He would like to hear from his friends. His address is Max W. Robinson ISFN, E. Division, USS Mt. Boken AE, 4; c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

Our own Pansy Payne is lending a helping hand at Memorial Hospital these days. Having completed her nurses aid course, she is volunteering her service there. One patient has described her as an Angel of Mercy. We are really proud of Pansy.

CABLE RESPOOLING

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ledford spent Easter with their parents in Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wallace spent Easter with their parents in Murphy. Carl informs us that he was in a terrible storm as he returned home, with the rain beating down so hard that there was practically no visibility.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Thomas spent the Easter Holidays in Spartanburg, South Carolina, visiting their parents.

We are glad to report that Bud Calhoun is making satisfactory progress following an illness and expects to be back with us soon.

WINDING

Pat Withers, a student at Gardner-Webb College, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Withers.

Lillian Smith spent Easter Sunday in Blowing Rock.

Edith Whidden spent Easter Sunday with Mrs. Charles Hawkins.

Sandy King has a new 52 Chevrolet. He has already made a trip to Georgia and says that it came up to his expectations.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caldwell visited relatives in Paintertown, Georgia over the Easter Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Atkinson enjoyed a family picnic on Sunday, April 20, with their entire family present, including their son, Dean, of the U. S. Navy. He is stationed at San Diego, California, and returned to his base on Monday, April 21.

SHOP

Ray Millsaps underwent an operation on Tuesday, April 8, at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Allen Harmon has accepted work in Columbus, Ga. He has been succeeded in the Shop Office by Roy Harwell.

Horace Robinson spent several days fishing on the N. C. coast. He

reports that the fish were not biting as yet.

Bryant Elders and family spent the week-end of April 12 with relatives in Buffalo, S. C.

Johnny Mercer reports he is studying bees. He already has one hive and they are doing fine.

W. G. Henson, Jr., Airman 2nd Class (former Shopman), visited his parents for a short while on April 10. He landed at Charlotte Airport from Patrick Air Base in Florida.

Gene Carson spent the week-end recently fishing at Myrtle Beach.

On April 12th, Fred Rockett visited his mother who is ill at her home in Savannah, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jacobs and family attended a concert in Charlotte on Sunday, April 13, given by the Central Choir from Wesleyan College, Central, S. C. Their son, Jimmie and his wife are members of the choir. Jimmie is a former Shop employee.

Troy Jones, Ray Pearson, Furman Pearson, Joe Champion, Gene Carson, and Wade Ledwell all report good catches of Crappie at the South Fork River last week.

J. E. and Catherine (Skeet) Fletcher recently spent the week-end visiting relatives in McCall, S. C.

Pfc. Horace Chastain of Alexandria, La., spent a brief visit with his family recently. Horace is a former employee of the Shop.

Darrel Walker spent a 13-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walker, prior to sailing for France where he will be stationed for the next 3 years. Darrel just finished a stenographic course at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. On Thursday night, April 17, a group of his very close friends gave him a farewell party at the Firestone Girls' Club.

Betty Little, a Junior at Woman's College, Greensboro, spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Little, lathe operator.

COTTON DEPARTMENT

Spring is in the air and to take advantage of the situation Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis entertained at a hot dog and hamburger feast at their most attractive cottage at the Catawba River. Those making up the party from the Cotton Dept. were Homer Hall, and his wife, Laura, Anne King, and guest, J. E. Carpenter, also Roosevelt Rainey, who was chief cook and bottle washer. Mr. F. T. Mororw, warehouse foreman, had to attend without his wife, since Mrs. Morrow was in Washington attending the wedding of her niece. Later in the evening square dancing was enjoyed.

WAREHOUSE

Bob Purkey, shipping clerk in warehouse, left for the U. S. Army during March and we all extend to him our very best wishes.

Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Will Starnes, warehouse, 1st shift, Frazier McNair, warehouse, 1st shift, and Allen Jeter, warehouse, 2nd shift, who have suffered recent illnesses.

QUALITY CONTROL

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Queen were honored with visitors from Brevard, N. C. on Sunday, April 6. They were Charnce Fowler, Harold Cox, Raymond Grogen, and Horace Banks.

We are glad to know that Miss Bertha Massey is back at home. She is recovering from serious injuries received in an auto accident.