

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## CARDING

The employees of the Third Shift Carding Department welcome Bennie Norris, Mack Laws, Joe Jolly, and several others to this department.

Hudy Webb, speeder tender, has returned to his work having been out several days due to illness.

S. L. Owens, overseer, Carl James, section man, Lee Owens, overhauler, Bobby and James Owens visited Mrs. James, mother of Carl James, in Liberty, S. C. recently.

## SPINNING

Mrs. Lucille Givens, spinner, her husband Joe, and family visited their son at Butner Youth Center on Christmas Day.

Ralph Danny Costner, five-weeks old son of Ralph Costner, doffer, has been in the hospital recently. Danny is feeling much better now.

Mrs. Lula Hammonds, mother of Letha Hammonds, spinner, has been in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N. C. Mrs. Hammonds is showing much improvement.

## SPOOLING

Mrs. Gertrude Hamilton, warper tender, spent the week of Christmas in Chicago, Ill. visiting her sister.

Robert Hyde of Robbinsville visited his sister, Mrs. Daisy Williams, reclamer, on December 22.

Mrs. Addline Stevenson, mother-in-law of Mrs. Hattie Stevenson, winder tender, died December 19. Mrs. Stevenson was buried in Bryson City, N. C.

Mrs. Frances Player, winder tender, spent the Christmas holidays in Rutherfordton and Forest City, N. C. with her brother and sister.

Mrs. Sarah Nichols, warper tender, and family had as guests on December 21, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carlston and daughter of Jamestown, N. Y. Mr. Carlston was a buddy of Mr. Nichols while they were in the service.

Mrs. Robert Graham, winder tender, had as guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rhyne, the latter her daughter, of Clemmons, S. C.

Vera Short, spooler tender, had as guests the week of Christmas, J. L. Shehane, Jr., and family of Baltimore, Md.

Ruth Davis, daughter of Mrs. Grady Davis, reclamer, spent the Christmas holidays at home. Miss Davis is a student at Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C.

Maggie Reed, spooler tender, had her sister as a guest the week end of December 20.

Mrs. Grady Davis, reclamer, attended the wedding of her neice, Miss Arline Hartman, the week end of December 20 in Cleveland County.

## TWISTING

Mrs. Ina Stiles, respooler, and her husband, Lawrence, spent the week end of December 20 with their son, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Stiles in Asheville, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stiles left for Tampa, Fla. on December 22 to spend a week with their daughter, Mrs. Owen V. Sells and her husband.

Twister Tender Jess Shehane and family had as their guests during the Christmas holidays, his son,

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shehane and family of Baltimore, Md.

The women employees of the Twisting Department enjoyed their Christmas Party on December 16 at the Girls' Club. Mrs. Annie Cosey was in charge of the program.

Twister Tender Walter Hughes and Mrs. Evelyn Hughes, respooler, had their son, Buddy, home for Christmas. Buddy is stationed in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Keisler announce the birth of a baby boy, Kenneth Hendrix, Jr., weighing 8 pounds, and born at the Garrison General Hospital recently. K. H. Keisler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Keisler, both of the Twisting Department.

Mrs. Mable Hanna, tie-in-hand, and her Bible Class of West Avenue Presbyterian Church enjoyed a Christmas party and wrapped gifts for the members unable to attend on December 15. The class met with Mrs. Ed Spencer on Firestone Street.

Mrs. Maybell Keisler, reclamer, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Keisler spent the week end of December 13 in Columbia, S. C. with Mrs. Stella Keisler. Mrs. Keisler returned to Gastonia with them to visit other relatives during the Christmas Holidays.

Mrs. Annie Lunsford, oiler, received a letter from her son, Pfc. James Lunsford, that he is on his way home from Korea. James has been in Korea 13 months and was wounded on March 9, 1952.

Twister Tender A. J. Webb and Mrs. Webb announce the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Patricia, born on December 18.

Jo Ann Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Corrie Johnson, reclamer, and W. A. Johnson, head changer in Spinning Department, is home from the Wesleyan Methodist College, Central, S. C. for the Christmas holidays.

## WEAVING

Mrs. Sara Davis, change hand, is back at work after being out due to illness for several days.

Mrs. Kattie Webster, battery hand, has as guest, her mother, Mrs. Vera Few of Lanett, Ala.

Miss Nina Milton, smash hand, spent Sunday, December 21 with Mr. and Mrs. John Caps.

Mrs. Audrey Seymore, battery hand, and her husband have purchased a new home near Kings Mountain.

Miss Glenna Hamrick spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. Earline Gordon, weaver.

Miss Lessie Tanner, smash hand, and her mother spent the week end in Georgetown, S. C. visiting relatives.

Mrs. Bertie Grant, battery hand, has recently been on the sick list.

Cole Whitaker, loom fixer, has returned to work after a week's vacation.

Mrs. Udine Dilling, battery hand, visited in Central, S. C. Thursday, December 25. While there she heard the "Messiah" presented by the College Choir of which her husband, Bill, is a member.

Mrs. Audrey Mathis, smash hand, had as holiday guests, her sister, Mrs. Viola Mullis and son from Chapel Hill, N. C.

Jimmy Dobbins, son of Mrs. Blanch Dobbins, weaver, and James

Dobbins, fixer, is home for the Christmas holidays.

George Dill, weaver, and family spent the Christmas holidays with their son, George, Jr., and his family in Hallwood, Va.

James Saylor, creeler, and Mrs. Saylor along with friends spent the week end of December 20 in Middlesboro, Ky. They had to stop over in Morris Town due to 22 inches of snow.

The tie-in-hands and inspectors of the Weaving Department enjoyed their annual Christmas Party December 15 at Jolly's Restaurant. They exchanged their gifts at the home of Christine Davis.

## MAIN OFFICE

B. J. Magner, main office, has returned to Gastonia after spending the holidays with his family and friends in Newburyport and New Bedford, Mass.

Members of the office personnel entertained jointly at a luncheon Tuesday, December 30 at the New South Restaurant in honor of William Jackson who terminated his employ December 31 to accept another position. A beautiful brief case was presented to Bill by the office personnel along with their best wishes.

Sgt. and Mrs. Donald Horne of Pembroke, Ky. spent the Christmas holidays in Gastonia visiting with Arley C. Tanner, Twisting Department, father of Mrs. Horne. He also visited Miss Myrtle Bradley and Mrs. Eula Wilson, main office, while in Gastonia. Sgt. Horne is stationed at Clarksville Base, Clarksville, Tenn.

Mrs. Helen Price, main office, and husband, Billy, had as guests during the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller and their daughter, Anne, of Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. Mildred Mack, main office, her husband Raymond, and children, Rebecca and Eugene, spent the holidays in Union, S. C. visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mack, parents of Raymond Mack. The Mack's spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dobbins of Lockhart, S. C.

Mrs. Beatrice McCarter, main office, and Howard McCarter of Spinning Department, had as guests during the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Jessie White and family of Lenoir, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Claude Woodard and small son, Jimmy, of Waynesville, N. C.

## SHOP

Mrs. Ann Davis Jenkins, daughter of Plumbing Foreman Lowery Davis and Mrs. Davis, talked with her husband, Robert, on the telephone December 21, which was their wedding anniversary. He is in the service and is stationed in Manila.

Plant Engineer W. G. Henson and Mrs. Henson attended the funeral services of W. O. Henson on December 18 at Forest City, N. C.

Millwright Marvin Chastain is able to be out again after being in the Gaston Memorial Hospital for several days.

The employees of the Shop enjoyed their annual Christmas Party which was held on December 22. Everybody enjoyed the games and delicious food.

Miss Sara Little, sister of Lathe Operator Cramer Little, and 30 junior boys, which she supervises at the Methodist Children's Home in Winston-Salem, received a 21 inch Console model television set from friends here in Gastonia. There are 60 boys in one building,

## Pioneer League Bowlers



MEMBERS of Firestone Textiles' entry in the Ladies' Pioneer Bowling League pose above, left to right, Mrs. Bobbie Baldwin, Mrs. Dorcas Atkinson, Miss Nell Balick, Mrs. Ann Turner, Mrs. Jane Rice. Other members, not appearing in picture, are Mrs. Helen Guffey, and Miss Sue Van Dyke.

## High Level Employment Predicted

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Sale of these plants to private industry, with the opportunity of operating them free of controls, will stimulate competition. This, in turn, should lead to the development of many more new and improved rubber products, which will benefit the public, the Government and the manufacturer.

Because of the lifting in 1952 of restrictions on the uses of synthetic and natural rubber, the year 1953 will see these two commodities freely competing on the basis of quality for the first time. Such a condition is extremely desirable and it will result in the further improvement and development of many rubber products.

Business prospects for tire dealers in 1953 are very encouraging because of an eight per cent increase in the number of potential purchasers of replacement tires. In 1953, there will be on the road 2,850,000 more passenger cars, trucks, and buses two or more years old than there were in 1952. However, unit sales of all types of tires should go up ten per cent because depleted stocks of truck and bus tires will be replenished.

Our Company continues to be an important supplier of defense products. These include recoilless rifles; cannon, tracks, bogie wheels and bogie rollers for combat tanks; aircraft rockets; gas masks; inflatable life boats, and bridge pontoons; fuel cells, engine containers and jet engine parts for military aircraft; the newly developed Navy twin, three-inch, fifty-caliber antiaircraft gun; in addition to tires, tubes, rims, repair materials and other products. Further progress was made on the development of a new and revolutionary defense weapon.

We are in production on one of the most important guided missiles, the manufacture of which establishes our Company as a major supplier of these newest weapons of war. At the request of the Government we took on complete responsibility for the management and operation of the Government arsenal, for the loading and storage of bombs and artillery shells at Ravenna, Ohio.

While the continuation of the present high level of business activity is indicated for the year ahead, the level potentially is much higher. To reach the higher level is the challenge facing business today. The extent to which this challenge is met depends upon the extent to which courage and creative forces are exerted toward new and improved products and services that will give increasing value to the consumer.

Courage and creativeness are, therefore, the foundations upon which business can build a greater prosperity for all of us in the coming year.

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