

KENNETH W. BRADSHAW, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Bradshaw, Weaving Department employees, is currently serving aboard the U. S. S. Wasp on a world cruise. His address: F. A. 967-37-61 "M" Division, U.S.S. Wasp, C.V.A. 18, c/o F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

EUGENE R. WHITWORTH has received his discharge from the army following two years service in Germany in addition to a year of stateside service. His sister, Mrs. Elsie Nash, is a battery hand in the Weaving Department.

It's Right To Write

How far is "Away-from-home"? To your sons and friends in the armed forces it may be half way around the world or the long, long weeks to the next three-day pass. But letters from home keep our servicemen within "talking distance"—and snapshots with your letters almost put you within arms' length.



The United States Department of Defense has asked the friends and relatives of servicemen to make letter writing their own important part of the national program. Cheerful letters, descriptive in word and picture of the people and activities which the men always enjoyed at home, are the kinds that make separation bearable, that keep them ready for an easy return to home, school, or job.

(Employees are invited to join an informal "Write Our Servicemen Club" by selecting one or more servicemen—either acquaintances or strangers—and writing them. The servicemen whose pictures appear occasionally in the Firestone News would welcome letters from anyone at "home". Editor's note.)

The boredom of occupational and "outpost" service can be terribly destructive to individual as well as service morale. From the Pacific and the Arctic outposts to the North African and West German installations American soldiers, sailors and marines are wondering "How goes it at home?" At scores of encampments the "Mail Call" is the most heart warming, morale building, division of military days.

Just as your letters should be personal notes of familiar doings by family, children, neighbors and friends, make your snapshots of the close-up variety that show how "Sis" looks in her new hair-do and how Bud looks polishing up the hot-rod. Be sure to include a good shot of you and Dad and don't neglect one of the whole family together.

Good letters are a snap when you use snapshots as the take-off points for longer, interesting descriptions of your family and his, his home, home town, and country. If you know a man in service it's right to write.

Among The Retired. . . .

Woodworking Hobby Keeps B. H. Moss Busy

B. H. MOSS, 105 North Liberty Street, is not a man to enjoy idleness. Rather he makes good use of his leisure time, of which he has had an abundance since his retirement in March, 1953.

"It's a fine thing to keep a person occupied," Mr. Moss says as he gazes about his woodworking shop in his basement. "I always did want more time in my workshop, so now I work here to my heart's content."

A versatile craftsman with either hand or power tools, he has made most of the equipment in his shop (except for steel parts) and several nice pieces of furniture for his home.

He says: "If I decide to add a piece of equipment to my shop, I make it. Ditto for any piece of furniture I want. You'd be surprised how far behind I get with my work," he jokes, "with my notions and ideas staying 'way out in front of my actual output of work."

The most important tool for Mr. Moss is his tilting arbor saw with its one half horsepower, 3450 R.P.M. motor. He built the frame and bed for this saw with rock maple lumber. "It's as sturdy as steel," he comments.

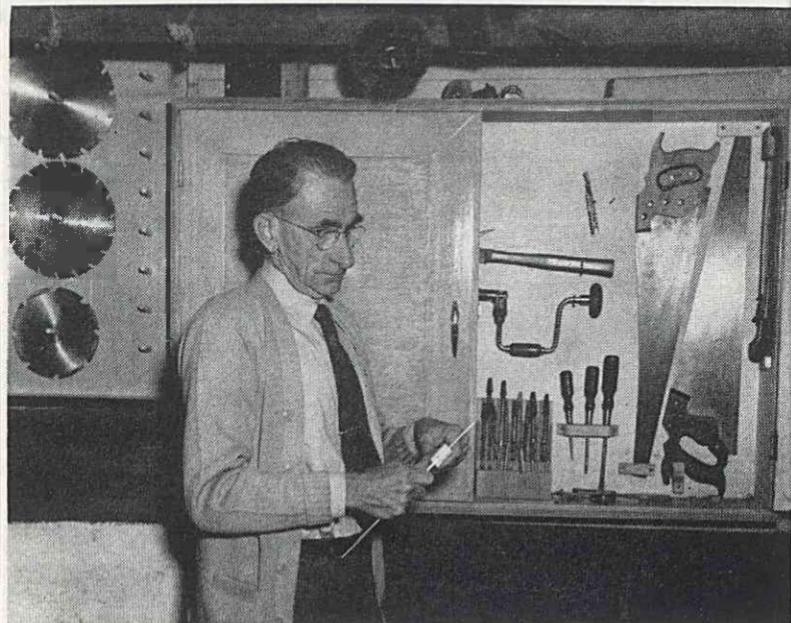
Other power tools include belt and disc sanders with flexible shafts which allow mobile use. His cabinets of hand tools include the entire gamut of carpenter tools.

Neat storage bins opening into his shop hold select grade cedar, walnut, and mahogany lumber, available at his finger tips when he needs it.

"As I was saying I have more woodworking ideas than I can keep up with. Just don't have enough time."

When Mr. Moss isn't woodworking he's very likely doing something musical, a decided trait in the Moss family. He directs the choir at Loray Baptist Church and when neighborhood pianos get out of tune he's the fellow who has to tune them. He's been doing it for years.

Leisure time? None wasted here.



B. H. MOSS examines the end of the flexible drive shaft which connects to several of the powerdriven tools in his home workshop. Behind him, neatly arranged in new cabinets, are his numerous hand tools.

To Help Sell Bonds

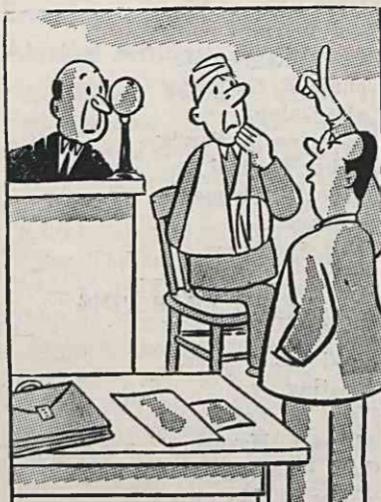


VETERAN BOND BUYERS—Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Bradshaw, above, both employees in the Weaving Department, are soon to be featured in a bond advertisement which will appear in local newspapers. They have been buying bonds as long as they've been at Firestone Textiles (13 years) and both say they're glad to have had the opportunity to save a portion of their earnings in this manner.

Stork Club

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Clanton announce the birth of a daughter, Joy, October 26 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, N. C. Mrs. Clanton is the daughter of Mrs. Hattie Stacy, spinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Setzer, Warehouse, announce the birth of a son, Alonzo Setzer, Jr., November 13, 1953.



"How fast were you moving to join payroll savings before you ran into the crowd!"

Memphis Plant Sets New Safety Record

A NEW record for industrial safety in the rubber industry has been set by the Memphis, Tenn., tire plant of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Ned H. Dearborn, President of the National Safety Council, announced on Christmas Eve.

As the Firestone plant shut down for the Christmas holiday week end, it had completed 7,103,472 man-hours of work without a single lost-time accident. The new safety mark breaks the previous rubber industry safety record of almost six and one-half million hours which was established by one of Firestone's two tire plants in Akron last June.

The 4,000 men and women responsible for the new safety record have worked for 10 months and one day—since February 23, 1953—without a lost-time accident.

In Memoriam

Mrs. S. L. Leonhardt, mother of **Lathe Operator Loy Leonhardt**, died December 14, 1953. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

The Weaving Department extends their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gordon Carpenter, Weaving Department, in the passing of their son, **Marion Leon Carpenter**.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. **Laura Purcell**, spinner, on the passing of her father, **Estess Smith** and her sister, Mrs. **Ada Tower**, both of Grier, S. C.

Mrs. **T. L. Helm** passed away November 26 at Concord, N. C. She is the sister of **Fred Crisco** of the Spinning Department.

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