

NEWS IN BRIEF

SPINNING

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kelly, Spinning Department employees, visited Mr. Kelly's mother of Danville, Va., Christmas Day.

Mrs. Ola Collins, roller picker, and family visited Mrs. Collins' daughter, Mrs. John White of Florida, during Christmas.

Mrs. Ruby Head, spinner, is back at work after being out sick.

James Collins, son of Mrs. Ola Collins, roller picker, has a discharge from the service. He served nine months in Korea.

TWISTING

Lewis Clark, section man, and Mrs. Hazel Clark, tie-in hand, visited Mr. and Mrs. Paris Aldridge of Kings Mountain, N. C., recently.

Gene Butler, twister tender, and Mrs. Esther Butler, respooler, visited in Tennessee during the holidays.

Mrs. Bessie Chastain, respooler, and Roy Chastain, electrician's helper, visited relatives in Easley, S. C., during the holidays.

Coy Reese, section man, and Mrs. Mary Reese, respooler, visited Mr. Reese's father of Tennessee recently.

Mrs. Mary Reese, respooler, had as guest recently, her brother, J. B. Hall.

Sgt. Peggy Gordon of Camp Lejeune, N. C., recently visited her sister, Mrs. Estell Price, respooler.

WINDING

Mrs. Fannie Black, warper tender, her son, Leon Christopher, and mother, Mrs. Katie Hicks, spent a few days in Chattanooga, Tenn. visiting Mrs. Lois Jenkins.

Mrs. Esther Turner, winder tender, and family spent a week end in Dillon, S. C., visiting Mrs. Annie Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Peoples of Greenville, S. C., spent the week end with Mrs. Hazel Nolen, winder tender.

Miss Becky Dillinger, daughter of Yarn Man Mark Dillinger, celebrated her sixth birthday January 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Glenn had as week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee of Cleveland, Ohio.

Yarn Man and Mrs. Mark Dillinger of Dallas, N. C., spent a week end in South Gastonia with Mrs. A. J. Dillinger.

SYC. WEAVING

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ruff of Portsmouth, Ohio, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ruff on New Year's Eve.

We are glad to have the following back at work after being out sick: Mrs. Sara Ward, battery hand; Roy Ward, loom fixer; Mrs. Ruby Clanton, battery hand; and Frank Kenley, warp hand.

Mrs. Jane Rice, pick out hand, has returned home from the Gaston Memorial Hospital after undergoing a tonsilectomy operation.

Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, weaver, is a patient at Gaston Memorial Hospital where she will undergo a minor operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Davis and daughter of Lynchburg, Va., spent the holidays with Mrs. Sara Davis, battery hand, and family.

Misses Frances and Inez Brewer, battery hands, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalwin Coleman and son, Bobby, visited relatives in Hartwell, Ga., recently.

In Service



A/2C LANTIA PASSMORE, son of Robert Passmore, Shop, has returned to his base in Spokane, Wash., after spending Christmas with his parents. His address is as follows: A. F. 1442 9728, 814th O.P.S. Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Clanton, weaver, and daughters, Gloria and Juanita, spent a week at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Misses Frances and Inez Brewer had as holiday guests, their sister, Mrs. James Helton and family of Greensboro, N. C.

COTTON DEPARTMENT

Joseph Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Moore, Warehouse, has returned home after being a patient at the Gastonia Negro Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams, Warehouse, and Mr. and Mrs. Berneft Williams and son motored to Morristown, New Jersey for the holidays.

Cpl. and Mrs. Joe Thompson and son, Joe, Jr., of Fort Bragg, N. C., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruth Allison, Warehouse, had as guest for the holidays, Mrs. Viola Knox of Washington, D. C.

SHOP

Miss Louise Sparrow of Warren Wilson College, and William Sparrow of State College, spent the holidays with their parents, Yard Man and Mrs. Frank Sparrow.

Louis Hallman and family of Charleston, W. Va., visited Yard Man and Mrs. Frank Sparrow during the holidays.

Pipe Fitter Horace Hughes and Mrs. Hughes attended a Western Conference meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Kannapolis, N. C., on January 9.

Bench Man Pressley Wallace has returned to work after having been out with sickness.

PLASTIC DIP

Buster Stiles, machine operator, and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Lum Stiles of Murphy, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Price of Waynesville, N. C., during the holidays.

Mrs. Frances Huffman, winder tender, had as guests for the week end, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Varnum of Graham, N. C.

Mrs. Ruby Peters is now working in the Winding Department.

Harold Hovis, winder fixer, has a new Oldsmobile.

PERSONNEL

Ralph Johnson, recreation director, has recently been appointed to the office of County Chairman of Camping and Activities of the Boy Scouts.

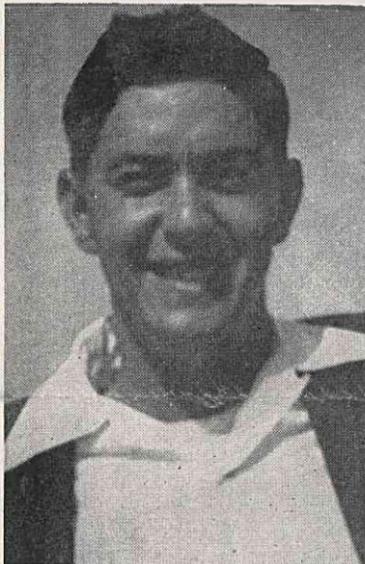
Stork Club

A/1C Richard K. Franklin and Mrs. Franklin of El Paso, Texas, announce the birth of a son, January 3. Mrs. Franklin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward, Syc. Weaving.

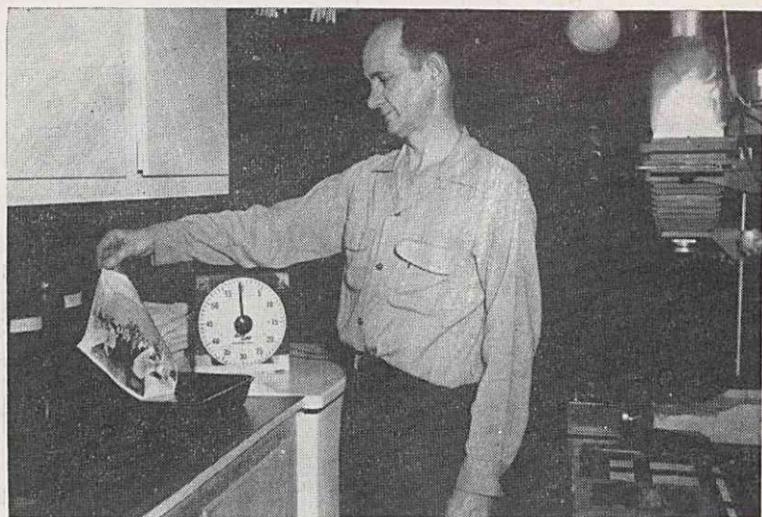
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ruff announce the birth of a daughter, Vivian Maxine, on January 5 at Gaston Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Ruff is the daughter of Mrs. Sadie Glance, respooler.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Cotton Department, announce the birth of an eight-pound son, Michael Jerome, on December 26, 1953 at the Gaston Negro Hospital.

In Memoriam



MACHINIST Mate 3/C Leon Carpenter, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Carpenter (Weaving and Twisting Departments, respectively), lost his life in a plane crash in the Pacific, according to word received by his parents from the Navy Department. He entered the service in February, 1951.



DEUEL REDDING, shown at work in the Camera Club darkroom.

What's Your Hobby?

Redding Learns Darkroom Technique; Finds In It New Thrills For Shutterbugs

DEUEL REDDING, refreshment clerk, finds photography both educational and recreational. For these reasons he calls it a hobby of his and makes it a point to use the Camera Club darkroom as frequently as possible.

Mr. Redding is a novice photographer, by his own admission, having started only recently the task of developing and printing his photographs—the dividing line, it seems, between snapshot takers and serious amateurs. “The darkroom part of photography is the most interesting,” he says, “and requires the most skill.”

For his snapshots he uses either a Duo-Flex No. two “620”, or a Brownie, same size, with flash attachment. “I prefer the flash camera,” he continues, “since, with it, I can take indoor pictures of children, my favorite camera subjects.”

The greatest thrill in the life of an amateur photography, according to Mr. Redding, is the moment he sees a picture appear on photographic paper in the developing tray. “You feel like you’ve really created something,” says he, “and, if the picture is good, you have as a matter of fact.”

IN the darkroom he uses both contact and enlargement printing techniques. In the first process the picture must be the same size as the negative, but with an enlarger the picture can be “blown-up” several times the size of the image on the negative and still retain sharpness. For printing papers he uses several sizes and types up to the eight-by-ten professional press-type variety.

“It takes a little patience to acquire what is called ‘darkroom technique,’” Mr. Redding concludes, “but once the fundamentals are learned you can look ahead to a very satisfying hobby. And with luck,” he adds as an after-thought, “you might turn out some pretty good pictures.”

Community Singers Elect Officers

The Community Singers, a group meeting weekly in the Recreation Center on Tuesday nights, has elected officers for the year 1954. They are: John Gaddis, president; Lenelle Keenum, vice-president; S. L. Owens, secretary-treasurer; Alonzo Gaddis, song leader; Frank McIntoch, assistant leader; and Mrs. Joanne Woods, pianist.

How It Looked In 1902



THE MAIN MILL of what is now Firestone Textiles looked like this in 1902. The photograph above, taken soon after the plant was constructed, belongs to Edgar L. Lewis of Gastonia. Mr. Lewis, an employee of the Loray Company at the time the picture was taken, believes this is the oldest and possibly the only photograph of its type in existence today. In 1902, Mr. Lewis was what would now be called a payroll clerk; today, his niece, Miss Edith Lewis, carries on the family tradition as a Main Office employee in the Payroll Department.