

People and Places

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Shop

Cramer Little, lathe operator, and **John Mercer**, drill press operator, enjoyed a week-end fishing trip to Myrtle Beach, S. C.

G. V. Foy, carpenter, and Mrs. Foy spent their vacation recently in Gatlinburg, Tenn., Fontana Dam and Murphy, N. C. At Newfound Gap they saw snow, the first of the season in the Smokies.

Troy Jones, tinsmith, spent a week of fishing and entertaining his friends at his cabin on South Fork River recently.

E. G. Bulman, Shop foreman, has returned to work after two weeks of vacation.

Clyde Moss, Assistant General Superintendent, **Clyde, Jr.**, electrician, and Dan Moss took a fishing trip recently to Shallotte Point. They caught approximately 150 fish.

Spinning

On a week end in early November, **Boyd McDaniel**, roving hoister; and Mrs. McDaniel, visited his sister Mrs. Russell Horner, and Mr. Horner in Palmyra, Pa. The McDaniels also visited in Hershey. They are now living in Forest City, N. C.

Terry Lee Davis, four-year-old son of **Grady Davis**, sweeper, underwent surgery on the eyes at Gaston Memorial Hospital in mid-November.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Haun of Tellico Plains, Tenn., visited **Lewis Clark**, Fixer, and Mrs. Clark in early November. Mrs. Clark is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haun.

Earl Queen, doffer, is back at work after a short illness.

Stella Moore, spinner, is back at work after a period of absence due to the illness and death of her husband.

Lee and Alice Beckham, son and daughter of **Pearl Beckham**, spinner, visited recently with their father, William B. Beckham, who is in a Columbia, S. C. hospital.

Odell Hammonds, oiler, is back at work after a brief illness.

Mrs. Annie Lee Hubbard, spinner, and her husband, Ernest S. Hubbard, spent a recent week in Miami, Fla., attending the American Legion Convention. Mr. Hubbard was a delegate of the Auten Stowe Post 144, Belmont. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGee and enjoyed sea fishing while there.

Mrs. Lydia Davis, spinner, spent a week of vacation visiting her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Davis of San Antonio, Texas. Gerald is stationed at Lackland Air Base. Tommy Gene Dodgen made the trip to Texas with Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Minnie Johnson, spinner, gave a birthday dinner for her daughter, Miss Carolyn Dodd Johnson, on October 23. Guests were Mrs. Bell Conrad; Miss Lucy Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and Buddy; and also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lytton and children.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Walters have returned to Gastonia after 17 months away, while Mr. Walters was in the United States Army. Mrs. Walters is the daughter of **Mrs. Lula Snipes**, Spinning Department.

Mrs. Addie Smith, Spinning Department, had as a recent week-end guest, Mrs. June Guy of Chicago.

Will A. Brown, doffer, has returned to his home from the Garrison General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Brown had as week-end guests recently, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown and children of Pendleton, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Ivey had as recent guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberson and children of France, Roberson Mathis of Rock Hill, S. C., and also Mr. Roberson's mother of Lancaster, S. C.

Mary Laughridge, spinner, had as recent guests, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Laughridge and their son Roger of Aiken, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Furman Laughridge and son of Rock Hill, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Holland and their two sons; and also Ross Laughridge and two daughters.

Margaret Matthews, spinner, and her husband spent Sunday, October 6 visiting Mrs. Henry Chapman of Lincolnton.

Hattie Taylor, spinner, visited her aunt, Mrs. Florence Emory in Spartanburg, S. C.

Virgie Taylor, spinner, has returned to work after a tonsillectomy recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Brown had as guests recently, the Rev. and Mrs. B. Olon Brown of Summerfield, N. C.

Margaret Davis, spinner, spent the week end recently with her brother, Hugh Davis and Mrs. Davis in Augusta, Ga.

Minnie Johnson, spinner, had as guest recently, Mrs. Lillie Owensby of Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Church had as week-end guests recently, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sherrill and baby of Massachusetts.

Lydia Davis, spinner, and her husband, **John Davis**, fixer, spent a week end in Danville, Va., visiting Mrs. Davis' sister, Mrs. Cynthia Shields.

Harold Davis of Washington, D. C., is visiting his parents, **Mr. and Mrs. John Davis**.

Mrs. Madge Corbett, spinner, has returned to her home from a local hospital.

Keep Christmas Merry: Don't Play With Fire

The gayety of Christmas can be turned into tragedy this year—if you give fire a chance to wipe you out!

To impress the truth that Christmas is the time to be especially careful, the National Fire Protection Association suggests the following rules to help make your Christmas fire-safe.

The Christmas Tree

Cut a growing tree or try to buy one that hasn't dried out from prolonged storage. When too dry, tree branches are brittle and shed the needles.

Stand the tree in water or snow outdoors until you're ready to use it indoors. Bring the tree indoors just before Christmas and take it out as soon afterwards as possible. December 26 is recommended.

The larger the tree the greater the hazard, so don't get one any larger than you need.

Just before setting up the tree saw off the trunk at an angle at least one inch above the original cut. Place the freshly cut tree trunk in water and keep level of water above the cut the entire time the tree is indoors. Check the water level at least once a day for absorption and evaporation.

Support the tree well. Don't put it near sources of heat, or where standing or fallen, it could block the way out of a room and out of the house in case of fire.

Home Lighting

Do not use candles on the tree or nearby where there is any chance for an open flame to contact the tree or combustibles piled beneath the tree. Use only electric lighting sets that bear the UL (Underwriters' Laboratories) label. Check lighting sets each year before using for frayed wires, loose connections, and broken sockets. Be sure the fuse on the electrical circuit you use is not over 15 amperes. Cord sets with a fuse on the plug, bearing a UL label, are available.

If any extensive holiday wiring is planned, call a competent electrician; don't try to do it yourself unless you are so qualified.

Don't plug too many cords into one outlet. Make certain that all tree lighting is turned off before retiring or leaving the house.

Decorations and Wrappings

Don't let Christmas wrappings accumulate in the house; place them in your metal covered trash

barrel or burn them in your incinerator as soon as possible.

Use non-combustible material — metal, glass, asbestos, etc.—to decorate the home for Christmas wherever possible. When you must use combustible materials, be sure they are "flameproofed," particularly if they are to be anywhere near the tree. Untreated cotton batting, paper and certain cloth costuming will ignite easily and burn with great intensity unless they are "flameproofed." Santa Claus whiskers have caused tragedies; be sure they're "flameproofed," too.

Gifts

Don't buy pyroloxin plastic dolls, toys or non-flameproofed cowboy suits, etc. Toys operated by alcohol, kerosene or gasoline are especially dangerous; they may upset and set fire to children's clothing, the tree, or to the house itself. Look for the Underwriter's Laboratories label when buying electrical toys. This means they have been tested for fire and shock hazards and may be considered safe if properly handled and maintained.

Don't set up electric trains or spirit-fueled toys under a Christmas tree.

Other Reminders

Don't allow smoking near the tree amidst decorations or piles of wrappings. Have plenty of safe ashtrays around and use them.

Plan on what you must do if fire breaks out.

Guard against flying sparks from a fireplace, with a substantial screen and don't use the fireplace to burn up wrappings and decorations.

Keep matches, lighters and candles away from tiny hands. Have water-type fire extinguishers that work, buckets of water or even your garden hose connected to a faucet, within reach of the tree. Unless you can put a fire out immediately, call your fire department at once.

During Christmas, smoking and inflammable decorations in public buildings are a dangerous combination. Waste should be removed, aisles, exits and fire doors must be kept clear and usable. Exits should be plainly marked and easy to reach. Report any blocked exit or fire hazard in public buildings to your fire chief. You can render a good service by helping to discourage the use of wax candles at church candlelight services. Electric candles are safer.

Mrs. C. T. Thomas of Danville, Va., mother of **Claude Kelly**, doffer, has been sick for several weeks.

Mable McCray, spinner, and several friends spent a recent week end at Chimney Rock, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cantrell of California spent several days with **Mary Woodill**, spinner.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Kelly of South America spent a week with **Claude Kelly**, doffer, and Mrs. Kelly.

Joe Head, husband of **Mrs. Ruby Head**, spinner, has been a patient at a local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Burger of Winston-Salem, N. C., spent a recent week end with **Fred Ballew**, oiler.

Thor Giles, doffer, has returned to his home from the Gaston Memorial Hospital.

The children of **Mrs. A. G. Bolick**, Spinning Department, gave her a surprise birthday dinner on Sunday, October 16. All of her children and grandchildren were present for the dinner.

Spooling

S. B. Spencer, husband of **Lillie Spencer**, spooler tender, is a patient at the Kings Mountain Hospital.

J. C. Westbrooks, section man, is out sick.

Velma Norman is a new employee in the Spooling Department.

Frances Player, winder tender, had as dinner guests on a recent Sunday, her sister, Mrs. J. S. White and family of Spindale, N. C., her brother, J. C. Queen, and her niece, Mrs. J. D. Shropshire and husband of Forest City, N. C.

Helen Hamrick, spooler tender, and her husband attended a birthday dinner in honor of Mr. Hamrick's grandfather, Billy Hamrick who was celebrating his 96th birthday in the Mt. Zion Community recently. There were more than 100 guests present for the occasion.

E. R. Tino, **Mrs. Tino**, spooler tender, and family spent Sunday, October 6 with their son, David, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Fred Bridges, sweeper, is a patient at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Delsie Merritt, spooler tender, spent Sunday, October 6 with her son, Bobby, in Charlotte, N. C.

Mae Foster and **Delsie Merritt**, spooler tenders, have returned to work after several days of illness.

Jolly, Spake Exchange Vows

Miss Lois Ann Spake and Donald Anderson Jolly exchanged marriage vows in an early November ceremony at Macedonia Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Spake of Kings Mountain, was graduated from Kings Mountain High School and King's Business College, Charlotte.

Mr. Jolly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Jolly, both in Spinning, was graduated from Gastonia High School, served four years with the U. S. Navy, and was graduated last year from King's Business College, Charlotte. The couple lives in Charlotte.

At Annual Garden Club Meeting

Mrs. Nellie Stowe, Girls Club hostess, was among the number who attended the meeting of the Third District of North Carolina Garden Clubs, November 4. The Gastonia Garden Council was host to the annual meeting in Masonic Temple.

"Dried Materials for Winter Arrangements" was the topic by Mrs. John R. Rankin, at the session which began at 10 a.m.

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