



Creeler In Cord Weaving Has Painting Hobby



BIBLICAL THEME—A painting inspired by Christ on the Mount of Olives was done three years ago.

THIS PORTRAIT of Elizabeth Marlowe, six, was done by her father when she was two years old. At right, Marlowe shows his first attempt at pastel painting, a portrait of a classmate in art school.

Ask a person who has a number of hobbies what his favorite is and he may have difficulty in answering. But James Marlowe will likely tell you that of all his pastime diversions, pastel painting is the most rewarding. His other hobbies include woodworking, TV and radio repairing and general handywork around his Cleveland Heights home—which he built with his own hands. And, as if these were not enough to engage a man's spare time, Marlowe plays the harmonica and guitar "and sings a little, too."

A LOOM CREELER in Cord Weaving for the past two years, Marlowe began cultivating his bent for art about 10 years ago. His interest was strong enough that he became self-taught in drawing in pen and ink and pencil. And then he progressed to a considerable aptness in pastel painting, helped along by a course which he took six years ago at the Burton Institute in Charlotte. There he was a student of Paul Barlett, a well-known artist.

At home in spare moments, the employee here harnesses his talents and skills to produce paintings on a variety of themes. Many of his paintings inspired by the Bible are donated to churches and passed along to friends.

Of late, he has branched out into the field of



commercial art. Just the other day he contracted to do some advertising art for a local laundry.

Marlowe's reputation as an artist now leads people to him, requesting special paintings. Sometimes they buy those he has on hand.

Carding

Miss Margaret Lewis, student nurse at Gaston Memorial Hospital, is on a three-month affiliation at Children's Hospital in Washington, D. C. Miss Lewis is the daughter of **Payton Lewis**, fixer, and **Mrs. Vesta Lewis**, spinner.

Keifer Gaddis, son of **A. A. Gaddis**, second hand, spent the week end of January 22 with his parents.

Mrs. Edna Harris, roving hauler, and her husband, **N. L. Harris**, retired Firestone employee, attended the funeral of Oliner Harris, niece of Mr. Harris, at Forest City, N. C., recently.

Bessie Gates, can hauler, had a vacation recently.

Hobart Clevenger, drawing tender, and his wife visited Mrs. Clevenger's sister in Miami, Fla., recently.

Mrs. Nina Peters Parker, roving hauler, has been seriously ill at the Gaston Memorial Hospital but is showing much improvement now.

Alfonzo Davis, lap hauler, fell on ice recently and broke his arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhyne spent February 12 and 13 in Charleston, S. C., visiting Mrs. Rhyne's sister.

Main Office

Employees of the Payroll Department attended a dinner at the Farm House in Belmont, N. C., Friday, January 20.

Beatrice McCarter, Payroll Department, and her husband, **Howard McCarter**, Spinning Department, spent a recent week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Claude Woodard and family in Waynesville, N. C. Mrs. Woodard is a sister of Mrs. McCarter.

Cornelia McCarver entertained her son, Allen, with a surprise birthday party on Saturday, January 23, celebrating his seventh birthday. Delicious refreshments were served to 20 guests.

Bill McSwain attended a dinner at the Elks Club sponsored by the Rambling Rebels Drum and Bugle Corps of the local American Legion Post on Friday, February 10.

Personnel

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baldwin have moved into their new home located at 514 E. Georgia Avenue, Bessemer City, N. C. Mrs. Baldwin is a typist clerk in the Personnel Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Frady of Spartanburg, S. C., visited with **Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spencer** recently. Mr. Spencer is employment manager.

Spooling

New employees in this department are **Mrs. Mamie Todd**, spooler tender, **Mrs. Lorene Lewis**, warper helper, **Mrs. Katherine Neal**, creeler, and **Junior Westmoreland**, sweeper.

Bobby Hamby who is attending school in Charlotte, spent a

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Advent Of Spring A Date On March Calendar

In like a lion—out like a lamb. So tradition describes March.

Until the Julian Calendar was adopted around 46 BC, March was the first month in the Roman year. Named for the Roman deity Mars, the third month as we know it, was the beginning of the legal year in

Great Britain until the 18th century. It has 31 days.

The Romans called it Martius, from Mars, the god of war. Anglo Saxons called it Hyld-Monath, for "loud or stormy month," and Lencten-Monath, for "lengthening month" in allusion to the fact that the days rapidly grow longer during March.

OLD SAYINGS common to England and Scotland represent March as borrowing three days from April, the last three days of March being called the "borrowing" or the "borrowed days." The third month of the year is known for the first day of spring, which comes on the 21st, called in the Northern Hemisphere the vernal equinox. Equinox is from the Latin, meaning equal night, and signifies the time of year when the day and night are of the same length.

LIKE FEBRUARY, March is a month within which occur sev-

eral famous birth dates. Of American Presidents, Andrew Jackson's birthday comes on March 15; James Madison, 16; Grover Cleveland, 18; and John Tyler, 29.

Other notable anniversaries and observances in March include: Red Cross Month, 1-31; U.S. Constitution declared in effect, March 4, 1789; Ides of March, March 15.

U. S. Postoffice established, March 12, 1789; Saint Patrick's Day, March 17. Birthdays: Sam Houston, soldier and frontiersman, March 2; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, 3; Luther Burbank, botanist and horticulturist, 7; Oliver Wendell Holmes, American Jurist, 8; Frederick W. Goudy, typographer and type designer, 8; John C. Calhoun, statesman and orator, 18; Robert Frost, poet and interpreter of New England life, 26; Franz Joseph Hayden, Austrian composer, 31.



Grow Flowers This Summer, Take Some To The Fair

A first annual flower show is planned as a feature of the Spindle Center Agricultural Fair, September 10 through 15 this year. According to Mrs. William R. Turner, Sr., copies of the flower schedule will be printed and made available soon. She is chairman of the flower committee of the fair.

IN THE PAST, Mrs. Turner explains, the Home Demonstration Clubs of Gaston County have sponsored the flower exhibits at the fair. This year it is hoped that garden clubs, recreation groups and individuals will be included as sponsors.

"We hope every Firestone gardener, whether you grow an acre of flowers or a single plant, will enter an exhibit at the fair," Mrs. Turner said. She announces that for the benefit of Firestone gardeners, the flower committee will have information in forthcoming issues of the plant paper. This information will take the form of articles on flower culture, which will include planting, selecting, growing and grooming of specimens to be entered in competition at the fair.

DISCUSS GARDEN PLANS—Mrs. William R. Turner, Sr., left, talks over plans for the 1956 flower garden season with Mrs. Fred Morrow, Woman of the Year of the Pisgah Home Demonstration Club for 1955.

Honored At Shower

A household shower honoring Mrs. Ralph Kaylor was held at the Girls Club February 13. The honoree is the former Miss Claudette Taylor, daughter of Claude Taylor, Twisting supervisor; and Mrs. Taylor, Cord Weaving. She was Gastonia's 1953 winner in the Company College Scholarship Program.

The shower for Mrs. Kaylor was given by women at Firestone.

At Nurse Meeting

Mrs. Roxie Newton, first shift nurse, attended a recent meeting of the North Carolina Industrial Nurses Association, which was held in Manor Hotel, Asheville.