



Carding

Employees in this department are glad to see **R. B. Whitfield** back on the job in Carding. Mr. Whitfield worked here before he moved with his family to Georgia. Now the Whitfields are back in Gastonia to live.

A visit in Chester, S. C., was a highlight of a recent trip made by **Carl Rape**, second hand, and **Mrs. Rape**, Quality Control inspector.

Among those spending a recent week end at Camp Firestone, Bridgewater, were Second Hand **Coy Bradshaw** and members of his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ammons, both of this department, experienced the thrill of moving into their new home on North Glenn street, Gastonia, a few days ago.

Furman Mason, retired, **Mrs. Mason**, roving hauler, and their daughter **Jinny** spent a September week end in Boone, N. C. There, they attended a showing of Kermit Hunter's historical drama, *Horn in the West*, at the outdoor Daniel Boone Theatre.

A visit with relatives in Belton, S. C., was a main feature of a recent week-end trip for Card Tender **Roscoe Westmoreland** and members of his family.

Main Office

Novella James, Payroll, has returned from a week-long vacation spent with friends in Cheltenham, Md.

Margie Hill, her husband **Clyde** and their children, **Patsy** and **Scotty**, visited recently with relatives in Silver Springs and Rockville, Md.

Miss Mary Johnson is a newcomer to the Payroll department. She is the daughter of **William Arrett Johnson**, Spinning; and **Mrs. Johnson**, Twisting.

Carolyn Sanders, her husband **Carl**, and daughter **Catherine** spent a September week end at Franklin, N. C. There they visited the **H. C. Fouts** family, former residents of Gastonia.

Among those from Main Office spending a recent week end at Myrtle Beach, S. C., were: **Gene Alexander**, her husband **Paul** and sons, **Paul, Jr.**, and **Larry Bruce**; **Jerry Barton** and **Pat Hawkins**; **Janet Woolley**, **Joyce Lyons** and **Sylvia Garner**.

Shop

Shop Secretary **Phoebe Pearson** went with **Mrs. Joe Wilson**, **Mrs. Jean Ledford** and **Bruce Ledford** to **Murphy, N. C.**, for a late-summer vacation of one week. While in **Murphy** the **Gastonians** visited **Mrs. Verdie Ledford** and **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledford**. Chief points of interest on their trip which extended into lower east Tennessee, were **Fields of the Wood, Murphy**; **Hiawassee Dam, Vogel Lake, Lookout Mountain** and **Rock City**, all in the **Chattanooga** area.

Carpenter **Bernard Alm**, **Mrs. Alm** and son **David** have returned from a vacation at **Myrtle Beach, S. C.**

Plant Engineer **W. G. Henson** and **Mrs. Henson**, **Cloth Room**, made **Panama City, Fla.**, headquarters of their recent vacation.

Electrician **Floyd Hogan** and members of his family spent a late-summer vacation with his parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hogan** in **Andrews, N. C.**

Sanitation Foreman **Alvin Dill** and **Mrs. Dill** spent a vacation touring the state of **Florida**. They went as far as **Key West**.

Summer vacation employees who have returned to college include **Porter McAteer**, **N. C. State College**; **Ted Bell**, **Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.**; **Dan Moss**, **Gardner-Webb, Boiling Springs, N. C.**; and **Jerry Sparrow**, **Warren Wilson, Swannanoa, N. C.**

Marie Moore, daughter of **Machinist Howard Moore** and **Mrs. Moore** has resumed her class work at the **Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro**.

H. A. Cauthen, assistant plant engineer, and **Mrs. Cauthen** went to **Jacksonville, Fla.**, recently, where they visited **Mrs. H. A. Stokes**, sister of **Mrs. Cauthen**. From **Jacksonville**, they went to **Miami** for a short stay.

Spinning

Bobby G. Wolfe of **Cleveland, Ohio**, recently spent a week's vacation with the **Rev. and Mrs. O. M. Taylor**, **1109 West Third avenue**.

Bill Calhoun, **Rayon Weaving**; **Mrs. Calhoun**, **Spinning**, and their daughters toured the **Great Smokies** on a recent week's vacation.

Dinner guests of the **Rev. O. M. Taylor** and **Mrs. Taylor** on a September Sunday were **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hovis** and son **Roger** of **Kings Mountain**.

Gail McCoig Finds Rewards In Writing Poetry

October 7 this year is the 177th anniversary of one of the most decisive military encounters recorded in the pages of American history. On that autumn day in 1780, on a low ridge a few miles South of Gastonia was fought the Battle of Kings Mountain. This conflict is regarded by historians as the turning point in the Revolution, by which the 13 American colonies achieved complete independence.

At the Kings Mountain battle, about 900 Americans under command of Colonels John Sevier, Isaac Shelby, William Campbell and Otho Williams met some 1,100 British troops under Major Patrick Ferguson.

TODAY the Kings Mountain National Military Park has its many reminders of the brave frontiersmen whose victory at that place foreshadowed the British military defeats of 1781. The outcome of the battle had an important influence on hastening the end of the bitter struggle, climaxed with the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va., October 19, 1781.

The brave men who fought and died at Kings Mountain have ever since inspired the poet and the historian to tell of the heroism, the love of liberty and the devotion to American ideals of freedom.

One of these poets is the daughter of a Firestone employee.

Sixteen-year-old Gail McCoig has won national recognition for her poem "At The Crest Of A Hill".

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Gail McCoig: Notes for another poem.



"Hill", based on the brilliant victory achieved at Kings Mountain. Ruby McCoig, third shift Winding, is the young poet's mother.

Gail, an eleventh-grade student at Ashley High School, is already widely acclaimed for some of the more than 20 poems she has authored.

"Many of my poems have been written purely for my own entertainment," she says.

BESIDES her keen interest in history and literature, the employee's daughter is a lover of music. Also, she likes to attend movies, and spends much time swimming, playing miniature golf and attending sports events, especially ball games.

In addition to these interests and her busy schedule at school, Gail is an active member of Loray Baptist Church. There, she participates in many activities of the youth program.

Gail's historical poem "At The Crest Of A Hill" was written while she was a student in Junior high school. The poem, reproduced here, won for her state and national honors in a contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

At The Crest Of A Hill

At the crest of a hill I was standing today—
"Now we're passing King's Mountain," I heard someone say.

Then I pictured the men with their loud battle cry,

As they fearlessly charged, though they knew they might die.

And that was the thought that made my blood chill,

There as I stood, at the crest of a hill.

At the crest of a hill I was fighting today—
I was fighting with men who heard Ferguson say,
"Britain's king claims this mountain. They won't turn the tide!"

Then Ferguson fell as God's name he defied.

My thoughts took on form, I captured a thrill,
There as I stood, at the crest of a hill.

At the crest of a hill I was standing today—
As I peered down on Ferguson's grave, ashy gray;
Then my eyes wandered up and I saw colors bright,

Saw the stars and the blue and the stripes, red and white.

This flag of our land, of peace and good will,
There as it waved, at the crest of a hill.

To the crest of a hill I was looking today—
To another hillcrest where in noble display
The capitol of a nation looks forward with pride,
Paid for by blood of men who here died.

Our freedom, their prize, will live on until
No longer men stand, at the crest of a hill.

Spooling

Those in Spooling have welcomed **Gerald Beaver** as a new employee in the department.

Lee Lattimore, spooler tender, was on sick leave in late September.

Mrs. Ollie Cothorn, mother of Warper Tender **Hazel Hice**, was admitted to **Garrison General Hospital** for treatment in late September.

Warehouse

Mrs. Anna Grier of **Connecticut** and **Mrs. Jannie Grier** of **Charlotte** were guests on a September week end in the home of **Albert Meeks** and **Mrs. Meeks**. On another occasion in September, **Mr. and Mrs. J. Hardin** of **Charlotte** visited **Mr. and Mrs. Meeks**.

Employees of the Warehouse express deep sympathy in the recent death of **James C. Nixon**, brother of **Will Nixon**. Members of the Warehouse group sent a funeral wreath.

Winding

Mrs. R. F. Thomas was honored at a birthday party at **Lake Lure** in mid-September. Her daughter, **Winder Tender Mable Thomas** and members of her family arranged the program.

Louise Sutton made a trip to **Dillsboro, N. C.**, where she visited her father, **J. J. Sutton**.

The welcome mat is out for these members of the department: **Helen H. Meeks, Sarah H. Bradley** and **Vera M. Edge**.

Mrs. Faye Kennerly and **Mr. Kennerly** went to the **Southern 500 stock car races** at **Darlington, S. C.**, in September.

Mrs. Pansy Adams, winder tender, spent a September day at **Blowing Rock, N. C.**

Mrs. Katherine Davis, winder tender, is back home after treatment in **Mercy Hospital, Charlotte**.

Plant IR Director Officer In SACIE

Thomas B. Ipock, Jr., Industrial Relations director, was elected vice president of the **South Atlantic Council of Industrial Editors** at the organization's 10th annual convention held in **Winston-Salem, September 11 and 12**.

The **South Atlantic Council of Industrial Editors** is made up of persons in industrial communications, dedicated to the highest standards of journalistic endeavor in serving industry, employees and the public.

The Council's membership of some 60 men and women is concentrated in the states of **North and South Carolina**.

Mr. Ipock, director of the plant newspaper here, will serve as vice president of **SACIE**, through the 1958 meeting of the organization to convene in **Asheville** next September.

Other members of **SACIE** in the **Gastonia** area are **William G. Hardin** of **Rex Mills**; **Claude Callaway**, **Firestone News** editor; and **Sara Howell** of **Hardin Manufacturing Company**. **Miss Howell** is serving her third year as treasurer of **SACIE**.