

PLANT VISITOR: THE ROAD IS GOOD

Foot Traveler Sees Beauty At Every Wayside

As he sat in the office "talking shop", he shifted his tired feet and offered to lend a hand reading galley proof for the November issue of Firestone News.

"I'm a walker . . . walk for pleasure, and a living, too, I guess, since I move about from job to job. Walked all the way from Delaware to Texas and several other states, and I've never been happier in my life."



Britt Grantham: His eyes have seen the glory . . .

His blue eyes sparkled. Britt Grantham, 43, is a journeyman printer, naturalist, artist and philosopher. He'd stopped at Firestone after having come from somewhere near Kings Mountain the night before.

"Thought I might stop off for a spell in Charlotte before going home to Rocky Mount. Expect I'll travel on to Florida to pick oranges this winter."

MOST FOLKS who take life as it comes on the open road travel by hitch-hiking. Britt Grantham is different.

"Most tiresome thing in the world is to stand beside the road waiting for a ride that may never come along," he said. "I'd rather walk. I average about 20 miles a day.

"You know that path that runs from Maine to Florida? I got on it one day outside Thornton's Gap, Va., and the sign said '2,000 miles to Florida.' I walked for three months, stopping off here and there to work a little. I've been about two months coming this far."

Mr. Grantham appreciates Nature. You could tell by the way he poetically described the grandeur, majesty and splendor of the things he'd seen in the United States and in the Caribbean, where he'd gone by air.

The traveler, who said he'd

covered at least 2,000 miles in the past two years, has discovered that there are "good people everywhere," and that "you don't need much money to see this great land of ours."

YOU'D BE surprised how restful a mound of pine needles in the forest can be, or a haystack along the road, he observed.

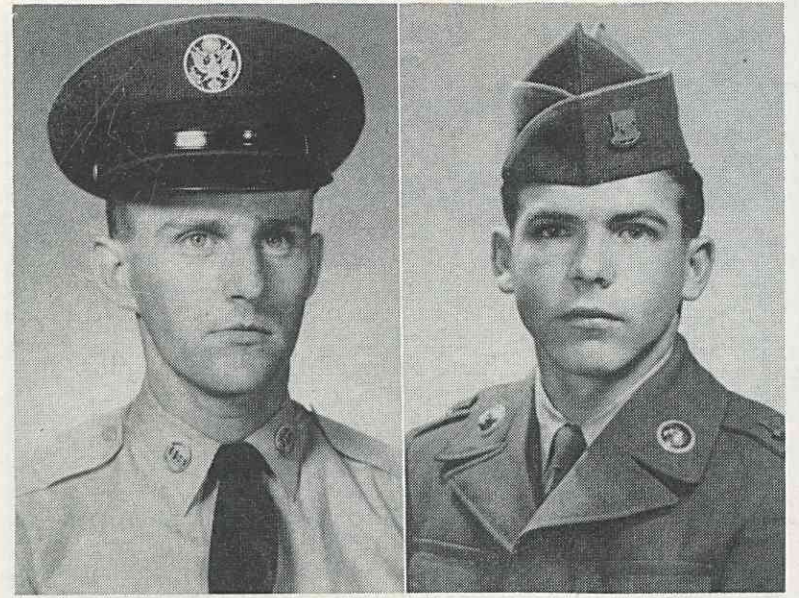
He finished high school in Rocky Mount and walked to Nashville, Tenn., where he attended a school of printing. Then he worked in advertising a while, until he decided a desk didn't fit his wonderlust spirit. Twice he went to New York to study art, and then he was off to the North Carolina mountains to paint. Next, he wound up in the Caribbean where he paid expenses by doing landscape art.

When he stopped at Firestone, he allowed as how he'd be in Florida before winter. "I sorta follow the seasons," he grinned.

Said he'd better be moving on, because he figured on reaching Charlotte by Sundown.



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Roy P. Seymour, Jr.

Joseph Williams

News Of Men In Service

Airman Roy P. Seymour, Jr., of Stanley, is now stationed at Keesler Field, Miss. He is the son of Mrs. Audrey Seymour of SYC Weaving.

His mailing address: A/B Roy P. Seymour, Jr., AF 1464281, Box 1169, CMR 2, Keesler AFB, Miss.

Corporal Joseph J. Williams spent a leave of a few days in October with his mother, Mrs. Katie Webster, battery hand in SYC Weaving.

Before entering the army, Corporal Williams was employed in Carding at Firestone.

His friends may write him at this address: Sp/3 Joseph J. Williams, RA 14-561-167; First Officer Student Battery, Fort Sill, Okla.

Jerry Robinson, son of G. K. Robinson, of Spinning, and Mrs. Robinson, Rayon Twisting, was graduated from Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Fla., September 13. He and a fellow sailor, Stanley Keller of Oregon spent a 15-day leave recently at the Robinson home in Gastonia.

At the end of their visit, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson drove them to their home port at Norfolk, Va. From there, they went to Washington, D. C., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tino. Mr. Tino is Mrs. Robinson's brother.

A/3C James H. Ledford spent a few days in October with his mother, Mrs. Blanche Hollis of Carding. James is stationed at an air base in Greenland.

People and Places

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Twisting

T. G. Stacy, retiree, and Mrs. Stacy, along with Mrs. Maudie Webb of Rayon Weaving, have returned after a five-day visit with relatives in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Stacy retired here in September, after 40 years in textiles. In the story of his retirement, published in the October plant newspaper, credit was given to Quality Control for providing him a "farewell" gift of a fishing rod and reel. Actually, his fellow employees in Twisting sponsored it, and friends in Quality Control presented him with a gift of money.

Warehouse

Relatives and friends paid compliments on October 12 and 13, to George Benjamin Harper III, born October 6 at Gaston Negro Hospital. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Harper, Jr. The father is a conveyor operator in the Warehouse. Out-of-town guests were Lt. and Mrs. Paul Matthews of Camp Lee, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banks of Spartanburg, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Reno Rober-son of Raleigh, N. C.

Weaving

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cunningham of Stanley visited with Mrs. Audrey Seymour, one day in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barker and members of their family attended the annual Whitley family reunion held in Charlotte in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foy of Kingsville, Texas were recent visitors of Mae Jones.

Mrs. Blake Deahart was a patient in Gaston Memorial Hospital in October.

Ruth Veitch is back at work after a brief illness.

Second Hand Floyd Kelly and Mrs. Kelly recently spent a week motoring through Western North Carolina and East Tennessee.

James E. Bridges of Rayon Weaving and Mrs. Bridges, smash hand in SYC Weaving, have moved into their newly-purchased house on West Sixth avenue.

Claude Jonas recently went on a hunting trip to Cleveland County. He brought back 17 squirrels, after only a few hours in the woods.

Winding

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hagan and children of Detroit, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hagan of Laurens, S. C., were mid-October visitors in the home of Mrs. Mildred Kelton.

Estelle Prince, winder tender, attended a family reunion at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. L. Tart in York, S. C., in October.

Sarah Hicks, winder tender, went to Norfolk, Va., recently for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fonzy Stone.

President Buchanan Got His Report

The following was reported in Editor's Drawer, Harpers Monthly of July, 1881.

A newly-appointed postmaster under President James Buchanan found by his "instructions" that he was required to report quarterly. He addressed the following communication to the President:

Mr. James Buchanan, President of the United States:

Dear Sir: . . . Been required by the instructions of the Post Office to report quarterly, I know heerwith foolfil that pleasin duty by reportin as follows.

The harvesting has been going peertly, and most of the nabers have got their cuttin dun. Wheat is hardly a average crop; on rolan land corn is yallerish, and won't turn out more than ten or fifteen bushels to the aker. The health of the community is only tolerable, and cholery has broke out about two and one-half miles from here. There is a powerful awakening on the subject of religion in the falls naberhood, and many soals are bein made to know their sin forgiven.

Nancy Smith, a nere naber, had twins day before yesterday. One of them is supposed to be a seven monther.

This is about awl I have to report the present quarter. Give my respects to Mrs. Buchanan, and subscribe myself.

Yours truly, Isaiah Johnson, P.M. at Summon, Fulton Co. Ill.

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