

WARP AND FILLING

Of The Passing Scene

Deadline Near On Overseas Mailing

Overseas servicemen, recently polled by the American Red Cross on what they would like most for Christmas this year, said "a taste of home" would be the most-appreciated gift.

The survey, made at military units around the world, indicated that such home-prepared

goodies as fruit cake, cookies, candy and other foods topped the preference list.

But those surveyed were most concerned that the packages be wrapped properly for mailing—and safe delivery. They asked that food be packaged in a coffee tin or similar container, in a way that would prevent the contents from shifting around. They suggested that containers be well sealed and encased in heavy corrugated pasteboard boxes, that each cookie and piece of candy be wrapped separately.

To this, the Post Office Department would add:

Mail Christmas parcels by November 20 for overseas surface mail delivery. For air delivery to foreign points, mail no later than December 10.

A Sideglance At History

Once a white man and an Indian went hunting. They agreed to share the game equally. They took three crows and two turkeys. So the white man divided, giving his friend the first bird—a crow—then taking a turkey for himself, and a crow for the Indian, then a turkey for himself, and gave the Indian the last bird—the crow.

The Indian objected, but his friend pointed out that the Indian had three birds to his two. To this the Indian replied: "We stop talk birds. Now we talk turkey."

Textile Industry Performs Well

You often read and hear about the dangers of inflation—that evil which reduces the value of your dollar. On this subject, people in textiles can be proud of the record of the industry which in recent years has been a chief influence against inflation in the United States.

The American Cotton Manufacturers Association points to recent government figures indicating the rise in wholesale prices of other manufactured products, in contrast to the stability of prices of textile products. This means that an average textile item that cost \$1 in 1947-49, cost 91 cents in mid-1959. For the same period, an average other manufactured item that cost \$1, cost \$1.28 in mid-1959.

Pointed out the ACMI: "This good performance of the textile industry has been achieved in the face of steadily-rising costs."

General Hampton And The Pigeons

South Carolina people employed here, along with others from the Gastonia area who attended the 90th State Fair in Columbia in October, will recognize this landmark on the Statehouse lawn. In this photograph the Firestone News editor caught some pigeons on a routine "visit" with Confederate general Wade Hampton.

The massive equestrian statue is a fitting memorial to the successor of J. E. B. Stuart as cavalry corps commander in 1864. As governor of South Carolina, Hampton restored home rule and was dominant in state politics until 1890.



SHOPMAN'S RULE OF LIFE

'Busy Hands Grasp Happiness'

An idle mind: the devil's workshop. A threadbare adage now, but one which embodies an enduring truth, in the opinion of Kenneth Stines. To this time-worn proverb he would add: "Idle hands, too, are an invitation to Lucifer, but busy hands reach out for a hold on happiness."

The Mechanical department humidifier attendant puts this belief into practice by filling his off-job hours with a bustling schedule of creative recreation, study, and activities devoted to the church and to the service of others.

Kenneth is a member of Firestone Wesleyan Methodist Church, where he is assistant teacher of a Sunday school class in the young people's department, and a member of the choir. He is a past president of a young people's class.

But it is in other church-related work that he finds most usefulness. As a church member,

he wanted especially to make his life "count for something worthwhile." It's been several years now since he began to make his ambition a reality.

THESE DAYS it is routine for him to spend several hours a week visiting among the sick and shut-ins, at homes and in hospitals. By bedside or wheelchair he offers a word of cheer and encouragement, often lifting up a prayer for those he visits. Sometimes he takes flowers to them. He keeps a list of names to whom he regularly sends greeting cards with a "get-well" sentiment.

Kenneth's concern for others did not come without a walk down one of life's dark valleys. At age 16, a short-lived illness forced him to drop out of school.

"The future was a shadow," he remembers. "But when I began to dwell upon my own problems, I thought of others who might be less fortunate than I was. I began to pray and the answer



Kenneth Stines: "For Something Worthwhile."

came, although it took a while for me to recognize."

A Gastonia school teacher volunteered to instruct him in special night classes, so he might continue on the job here. At that time he was working in Spooling. Since early last winter, he has been meeting with the instructor four nights a week, keeping up with his assignments in math, English, history and spelling. He will tackle other subjects later on.

There is yet some time for creative recreation—beyond his job at the mill, school work and church activities. Kenneth's favorite hobbies are "still" photography and amateur movie-making.

Seventh Graders On Plant Tour

Seventh grade teacher Frank Wilson of the elementary school at Yadkinville is on his way to establishing a tradition. This is the second year that he has loaded his class into a school bus and made the 100-mile trip to Gastonia for a tour of the Firestone plant.

Last year 33 youngsters got a look at the wheels of industry here. This year there were 40 students on tour in late October.

Before stopping here, the students visited the Kings Mountain National Battleground Park. They were with their teacher, whose father and mother are employed at Firestone. Lester Wilson is in Spinning; Mrs. Wilson in Twisting (cotton).

The Yadkinville teacher is a graduate of Gardner Webb College and Appalachian State Teachers College. He is in his fourth year of teaching in the Yadkin County school system. Besides his school work, Mr. Wilson is pastor of South Oakridge Baptist Church near Yadkinville.



James Bradshaw Jr. In East Asia

NOVEMBER DATES

November is anniversary month for many historical incidents in American history. Perhaps best known is November 15, 1777—adoption date for the Articles of Confederation, forerunner of the Constitution.

On November 2, 1631 the colonial postoffice was established, and on November 1, 1864 the postoffice money order system was begun.

Standard time was adopted November 18, 1883, and the first radio broadcast went out from KDKA, Pittsburgh, November 2, 1920.

In an average year, the American textile industry produces cloth at a rate of more than ten miles a minute. This is figured on the basis of 24 hours a day for a 365-day year.

Ten miles of cloth? That's 17,600 yards—enough material to provide more than 5,000 dresses for the average-size American woman.

HISTORICAL GUIDE

Latest edition of a guidebook to North Carolina history is available free on request to the Department of Conservation and Development, State Advertising Division, Raleigh.

The illustrated booklet of 32 pages deals with points of interest from the site of the earliest English colony on the coast to the Great Smoky Mountains, explored by DeSoto in 1540.

Content is mainly concerned with places and things easily accessible today. Included are state and national historic sites, museums, restorations, and other significant structures ranging from log cabins to mansions, and public buildings.

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