

Education Will Help You To Get Ahead

Specialized training brings rich reward in the form of job promotions, so indicated a summer report from the North Carolina Vocational Textile School at Belmont. When new classes in all four major areas of study began September 1, principal Chris E. Folk announced this list of promotions for those who have studied at the school. The report is as of June 30 this year:

48 Superintendents
348 Overseers
465 Fixers and Section Men
108 Second Hands
110 Laboratory Technicians
125 Machinists
95 Miscellaneous Promotions

1299 Total Promotions
1812 Total Graduates

COMMENTED Mr. Folk: "The value of the school to industry, it seems, is shown by this list of promotions. Some of these graduates who have gone up to superintendents, were fixers or supply clerks when they began their study here. In a number of instances, they have made the statement that they would still be fixers if they had not attended the school."

Four Fields Of Study

The current term at the school is offering courses in yarn manufacturing, weaving and designing, mill maintenance (machine shop), knitting and tailoring. In addition, there is a class in mill maintenance and one in yarn manufacturing offered in evening hours. At the time the new session began, principal Folk announced that a night class in weaving and designing would be started, if a sufficient number of students applied.

Programs at the school are classified for pre-employment training and supplementary training. The school advises the supplementary training and recommends the student to get a job in industry and attend school on his off shift. He will get much more out of the course if he will study along the line of work he is doing in the plant and will progress faster in his career, school officials believe. Still, it is a fact that the pre-employment training does give an employee two to three years' advantage for promotion in the mills.

North Carolina Vocational Textile School has been in operation 16 years. For the past 12 years it has operated at capacity enrollment of 300 students.



SCRAPBOOK PHOTO—Boys from NC Piedmont Council at the Boy Scout 50th Anniversary Jamboree. David Darwin, writer of accompanying article, is second from right in second row. Other scouts from Gastonia were Mike Parrish, Bob Caldwell, Boyce Wilson, Leslie Morris, Jim Freeman and Johnny Jones. R. B. Wilson (standing extreme right) was Gastonia leader. Two

other leaders from the council area are in picture. The banner at right hailed Gastonia as "The combed yarn center of the world." Firestone's mechanical department constructed the framework and mounted the sign made of materials supplied by another local textile firm and a department store. Then it was shipped in knock-down form to Colorado Springs.

AT COLORADO SPRINGS

Gastonia Scouts Recall Summer Jamboree

Seven Boy Scouts and two leaders from Gastonia assembled with other Scouts and leaders at Piedmont Scout Camp, Tryon, N. C., July 7. It was the first part of a trip which took us to the 50th Anniversary Scout Jamboree at Colorado Springs, Colo.

After three days spent at the Tryon camp, we began the journey to Colorado Springs. On the way, we spent a night in Birmingham, Ala.; Texarkana and Amarillo, Texas, arriving at Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, N. Mex., July 14.

Along Nature Trails

For five days we hiked in the mountains, camping out at night. We would arrive at a base camp, pitch the tents, cook our meals and then gather around a campfire before bedtime.

Out there you can really see Nature. There are the beautiful mountain peaks and such wildlife as deer and rabbits.

The buses came July 19 and took us to the Jamboree. Arriving that same afternoon, we set up our tents. Three days later, the Jamboree officially opened with a show in the huge arena. Attending on opening night were 56,000 Scouts from the United States and 30 other countries. Matt Dillon, U.S. marshal of TV's "Gunsmoke," narrated part of the opening program.

At the Jamboree layout there were four trading posts and many tents where you could buy articles, and where scouts could trade things.

On the program beyond the opening session were a rodeo, a display of the "Blue Angels" (a

team of Navy flyers), an Air Force drill team, skill-o-ramas, a Boys' Life exhibit, and the appearance of such entertainment stars as the Lennon Sisters and Herb Shriner.

Birthday Ceremony

The Jamboree closed on the night of July 28, with another show in the arena. This was a sort of birthday party for Scouting. A giant cake with 50 candles represented 50 years of Scouting.

At this ceremony, a scout from each country represented came forward and said "Happy Birthday" in his native language. At the end of the program, Dr. Arthur A. Shuck completed his term as Chief Scout Executive, turning over this high office to Joseph Brunton Jr.

After the ceremony, each scout lit a candle. The thousands of flames in the night were an inspiring sight to see. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" closed the Jamboree program.

We left July 29 on the homeward trip, spending one night each in the towns of Wichita, Kan.; Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Knoxville, Tenn. We stopped a while at Dodge City, Kan. On the way from the mid-west, we traveled from Missouri to Kentucky to Illinois to Tennessee in just three minutes. How? By crossing small corners where these states join.

Back at the Scout camp near Tryon on August 1, parents and friends joined us, for the journey on home.

Attending the 50th Anniversary Boy Scout Jamboree was a trip of a lifetime—one that I'll never forget.



David Darwin of Gastonia was official scribe for Troop Section 80 which was composed of boys from North Carolina Piedmont Council attending the Fifth National Boy Scouts of America Jamboree in Colorado this summer. He reported to his hometown in a series of three articles published in the Gastonia Gazette. Here, David looks back on his trip to the Jamboree as a matter of cherished memory. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Darwin. The scout's father is plant sales manager at Firestone Textiles.

NEVER PARK

- ✓ Double on the street
- ✓ Near a fire hydrant
- ✓ Beside a safety zone
- ✓ On a cross road, cross walk or sidewalk
- ✓ On a highway, pull off on the side
- ✓ With any part of the car too far out into the street.

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YOUR TRAVEL NOTEBOOK

September Features The Best of Two Seasons

Look to North Carolina for a good combination of choice features of summer and autumn packed into September—a month that is a goodbye to the sunny season not yet gone, and an introduction to fall days sure to come.

September intensifies the coloring which gives the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains their names, and gradually splashes their peaks and slopes with foliage brightness which reaches its splendor in October. At this time of year sea oats ripen on dunes along the Atlantic coast and autumn flowers bloom across the entire state.

Come To The Fair

More than two dozen fairs take place across the state during September. Dates of Sept. 12-17 are set for fairs at Hamlet, Concord, Hickory, and Statesville; while the Sept. 19-24 list includes those at Goldsboro, Madison, Zebulon, Salisbury, Lenoir, Yanceyville, Lexington, Durham and High Point.

Fairs for Sept. 26-Oct. 1 are scheduled for Warrenton, Sanford, Enfield, Beaufort, Burlington, Wilson and Mount Airy. Two outstanding ones Sept. 27-Oct 1 are the 37th annual Cleveland County Fair at Shelby; and the 60th annual Greensboro Agricultural Fair at Greensboro.

The 11th annual "Mule Days" celebration at Benson Sept. 23-25 tops the festival list this month. If you are traveling through Harnett and Johnston counties at that time, you'll long remember this agricultural festival with its grand champion mule contest and a bonus of street dancing, music, speeches, and a parade.

With offshore and surf fishing of autumn beginning, the NC coast has more ocean fishing piers than ever before—a total of 28, and all open through October. Five contests, one all-coast and the others regional, continue into November.

Into The Singing Hills
Traveling westward? Square dances are fun for the whole family through the autumn season at mountain resorts. Waynesville's Saturday night

square dances continue to Nov. 26. At Fontana, largest resort in the Great Smoky Mountains, there's a square dance fun festival Sept. 7-11, and a square dance Pre-Swap Shop and Swap-Shop, Oct. 1-9.

Late-summer surf bathing and choice sightseeing in the mountains suggest variety. With another color parade on its way, scenery along the "rooftop of Eastern America" lures the traveler to the hills.

Along the present 200 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway recreation areas have been increased to seven this summer, Julian Price Park near Blowing Rock being the latest added.

You'll Like Abingdon

Some Firestone people have reported a "traveler's treat" afforded by a side trip off the Parkway at Blowing Rock to the historic and picturesque area of Southwest Virginia, around Abingdon. A new section of highway west of Boone will take you by way of Watauga Lake in the TVA group, then you can go to Mountain City, Damascus, and Abingdon.

This friendly town, known afar as the home of the famed Barter Theatre, will remind you of Colonial Williamsburg. Stately old homes, antique shops, historic sites and superb scenery in the area make Abingdon a point from which to take numerous sightseeing tours.

Here, you can board the N&W's renowned "Virginia Creeper" for a thrilling trip over 55 serpentine miles to West Jefferson, N. C. The trip will take you over 108 trestles, across towering White Top mountain, and along the edge of Jefferson National Forest.

Park your car free in the depot lot and get aboard one of the few remaining passenger-freight combos any weekday at 7:30 a.m. There'll be time for lunch in West Jefferson by 11:45 a.m., when the train leaves for return to Abingdon. September and October are ideal months to go for a ride on the "Creeper".

Mr./s. John Weed Jr. Live In Chicago

After a wedding trip to Blowing Rock, Mr. and Mrs. John deRoulhac Weed Jr., went to live at 1209 North State street in Chicago, Ill. They were married in an exchange of vows at high noon, August 27 in Gastonia's First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Weed, the former Miss Sarah Marie Mercer, is the daughter of Harold Mercer, Firestone Textiles general manager. She was graduated from St. Mary's Junior College, Ral-

eigh, and Hollins College, Va., and spent a year in Paris, France on a Hollins Abroad program of study.

Mr. Weed attended Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, Calif., and is employed by Continental Casualty Company of Chicago.