



Alton Tilley

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When Alton and Opal Tilley began to make plans for their retirement at the end of last year, they bought a trailer, hoping to be able to travel some--particularly to go to Florida and spend some time fishing in the Key West area. Because of the energy crisis, however, it looks as if their travel plans may be delayed.

Alton Tilley moved from Pilot Mountain to the Kernersville area when he was a small boy. He had been employed in the Kernersville plant since April of 1944. He boarded for thirteen and one-half years and then became night watchman until that job was discontinued. His last work was as a materials handler. In addition to his work in the plant, he has also engaged in farming and still has a tobacco allotment each year.

Alton was first married to Beulah Ashley, who died in 1969; he later was married to Opal Hull. There were five children, all of whom are now married, born of his first marriage. A daughter, Peggy Jones, is currently employed in the order department of the Kernersville finishing plant.

Opal Hull Tilley, a native of the Walkertown area, had been with the Kernersville plant as a clipper and turner since 1971. Both she and Alton are members of Welcome Baptist Church.

George Gahagan, right, manager of TexElastic's Archdale plant, extends best wishes to Quinton Brown on his recent retirement.

Quinton, supervisor on the second shift, started with TexElastic in 1960 as a serviceman, later progressing to a supervisory position.

Roy King, knitter in the Hosiery Division's Kernersville plant, retired February 15, on the basis of total and permanent disability. His first and only work after leaving the farm was with Adams-Millis, where he was employed as a knitter on May 27, 1946. In recent years, he was a materials handler.



Roy King

His wife, Pauline, is a former employee of the company. Roy said he had enjoyed his work with the company, for everyone had treated him as a brother.

Before his health failed, he was very active in the Northwest Baptist Church, where he served as treasurer for seventeen years.

Okra B. Puckett has retired on the basis of age. She had been employed in the finishing department of Adams-Millis Hosiery Company's Mt. Airy plant since October of 1947.



Okra Puckett

Born and reared in Patrick County, Virginia, Okra made her home there until the death of her husband, Merritt Puckett, in 1950 when she moved to Mt. Airy. One of her three daughters, Dolores Hall, is presently employed in the finishing department of the Mt. Airy plant; another daughter, Mavious Noonkester, is a former employee. There are four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Okra is a member of Doe Run Baptist Church in Ararat. Since her health has not been very good in the past few years, she has no special plans for retirement.

