

Wood Badge, High Scout Honor, Is Awarded To Towel Mill Employee

John Walter Craig, an employee of the Towel Mill, Fieldale, Va., has been awarded the Wood Badge, a high honor given by the Boy Scouts of America. He is the first man in the Boy Scouts' Patrick-Henry District to win the Wood Badge and is one of the few recipients in the Blue Ridge Council.

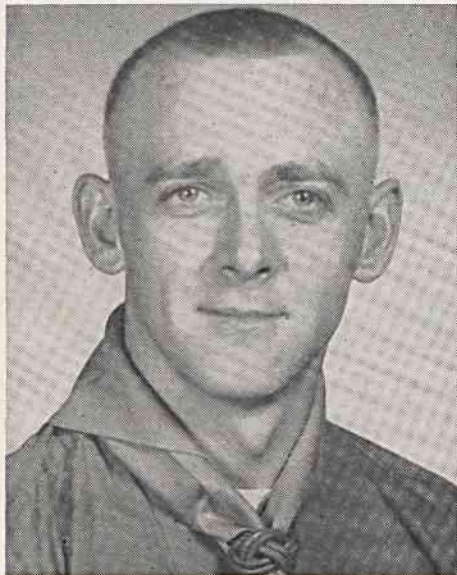
The Wood Badge is presented to adult scouters who successfully complete a designated high-level training experience. Mr. Craig spent 18 months in passing the requirements.

The training was devised and instituted by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement. The badge consists of two wooden beads worn on a leather thong around the neck. These are replicas of beads captured from an African chief by Baden-Powell in 1888.

The scouter to whom the Wood Badge has been awarded is entitled to membership in the international Gilwell Park scout group, whose headquarters are in England. The scouter so honored may wear the gray neckerchief with its patch of McLaren tartan at its back, the Gilwell Park insignia.

Wood Badge training is accepted throughout the scouting world. It is governed internationally by Gilwell Park in close cooperation with the Boy Scouts International Bureau. Wood Badge training forms an important unifying link in world scouting.

Candidates for the training must be outstanding scouters, capable of helping



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with the leadership training program in their own councils. Every scouter who becomes a candidate for the Wood Badge experience subscribes to an agreement of service involving training in his local council.

Mr. Craig for six years has been scoutmaster of Troop 167, sponsored by the Bassett, Va. Church of the Brethren. He is an active member of the church and was formerly chairman of the fi-

nance committee and secretary-treasurer of the men's fellowship organization.

He has made an outstanding record with his troop and has taken part in many leadership training activities. He has been a member of Powhatan Lodge, Order of the Arrow, honorary camping society, since 1960. He is a holder of the Scouter's Key, awarded to adult scouters for three years of continuous service in successful unit leadership and the completion of certain training requirements.

Attends National Jamboree

Mr. Craig served as assistant scoutmaster accompanying 18 scouts from the Patrick-Henry District to the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., in 1964. He hopes to attend the World Scout Jamboree to be held at Valley Forge this summer.

A native of Henry County, Mr. Craig has been with the company for 10 years, all of this time in the Towel Mill Weaving Department. He has worked as filling carrier, weaver, and loomfixer, and at present is a second hand in the No. 2 Weave Room.

He is married to the former Gloria Smith of Bassett. They have two daughters, ages eight and six. The eight-year-old recently joined the Brownies and Mr. Craig predicts that his wife soon will find herself busy with Girl Scout activities.

Forest City Plant Gets Full-Line Vending

A major improvement in canteen service at the Alexander Sheeting Mill, Forest City, has been made through the installation of full-line vending to serve employees throughout the mill.

The latest-type automatic machines have been placed in convenient locations

in the mill to dispense fresh-brewed coffee, hot chocolate, milk, bottled drinks, hot and cold sandwiches, soup, pastry, candy, potato chips and cigarettes. Also included are an automatic changer and a condiment bar.

A battery of machines, metal tables,

and metal chairs with cushioned, washable seats have been installed in a special room made by enclosing a corner of the Weave Room. Veneer paneling extends from the top of the machines to the ceiling.

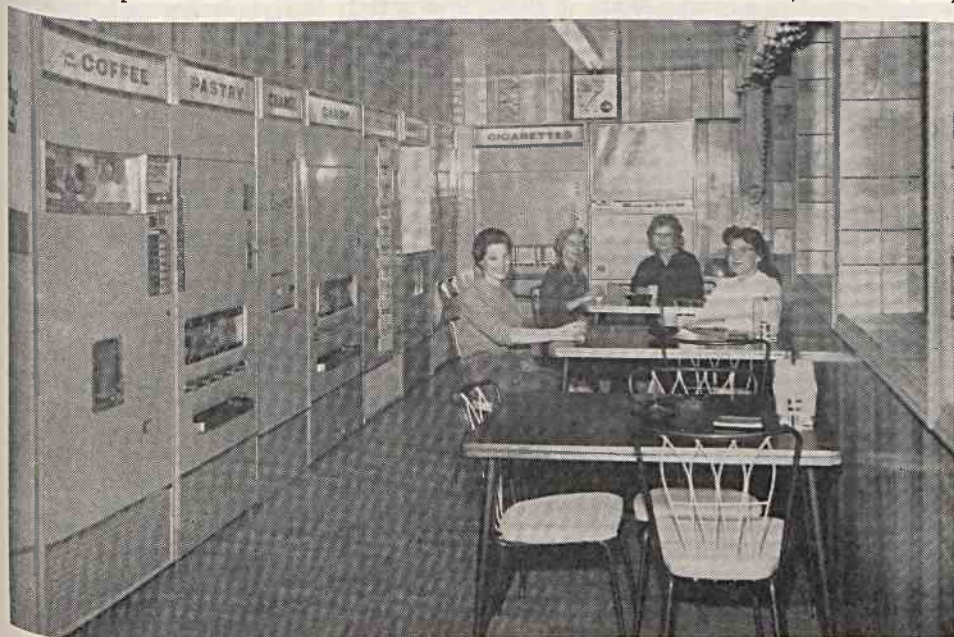
The room has fluorescent lighting, is cooled from the Weave Room's air changing system, has a rubberized floor, and has windows looking out over the Weave Room.

The curtains for the windows are of unbleached sheeting and were made at home by M. G. Allen, superintendent of the mill, and Mrs. Allen.

This canteen serves employees of the Weave Room, Cloth Room and Office. A similar canteen, located in the Carding Department, serves the Carding and Spinning personnel.

Andy Daughtry

Andy Daughtry, who was five weeks old when this picture was taken, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Daughtry. The mother (Rita Daughtry) is employed in the office of the Product Service Department at the Automatic Blanket Plant, Smithfield.



Enjoying new Canteen in the Alexander Sheeting Mill at Forest City, from left to right, are Edna Bright, Lucille Trantham, Dorothy Mowery and Pauline Yelton.