

Laurel Hill Ladies Enjoy Operating Lift Trucks



Expeditors (left-right) Hazel Gibson, Brenda Covington and Addie Sowells enjoy their work at Laurel Hill Carpet Mill.

Three ladies at Laurel Hill Carpet Mill might disagree with those who think lifting heavy objects should be limited to men only. And they support their stand with personal experience because they happen to be efficient lift truck operators.

Three years ago Addie Sowells became the first female expeditor in the Laurel Hill Carpet Division. She proved herself so well that now she is an instructor for other tow motor drivers.

"Addie Sowells is one of the safest drivers we have," said David Ellison, shift foreman in the Warehouse Receiving Department.

After opening the door to this once exclusively male position, Addie led the way for other females to become interested in a new type of job.

Brenda Covington was seeking something new and different and so she accepted the challenge. She has been an expeditor for two years and enjoys her work.

"The thing I like most about my job is that I don't do the same thing every day; it always changes from day to day," she said.

The most recent female to become an expeditor is a fairly new employee with a desire to do her best. Hazel Gibson is very aware of her job responsibilities. "I can't afford to make mistakes because they could be costly to the company in terms of dollars," she said. "We have the responsibility of providing the company with good, reliable service."

And these three ladies are happily doing just that.

Our Children

Herbert Blackstock, 5, and Tiffany Blackstock, 2, are the children of Herbert and Rebecca Blackstock. Their father works in the Spinning Department at Draper Sheeting Mill. Their grandfather, McKinley Blackstock, works in the Carding Department at the Blanket Greige Mill.

Danny Hairston recently celebrated his fourth birthday. His mother, Elaine Hairston, works in the Sewing Department at the Blanket Finishing Mill. His grandmother,

Martha Riley, works at Fieldale Towel Mill.

Sherikka Nichole Millner, daughter of Ms. Hiawatha J. Millner, recently celebrated her sixth birthday. Her mother works in the Spinning Department at Fieldale Towel Mill.

Dezie Morgan, 4, and Demeterious Morgan, 5, are the sons of Mrs. Elaine Morgan, who works in the Spinning Department at Columbus Towel Mill. Their grandmother, Hazel Pitts, works in the Yarn Pre-

paration Department at that mill. Their great aunt, Mary Bellamy, works at the Phenix City Plant.

Crystal Wayne Sams is the one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Sams. His grandmother, Pauline Owen, works in the Cut and Sew Department at the Sheet Finishing Mill.

Michael Wooding, 3, and Eric Wooding, 15 months, are the sons of Helena Wooding who works in the Cut and Sew Department at the

Blanket Finishing Mill.

Melissa Ann Wyatt is the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wyatt. Her father works in the Carding Department at Fieldale Towel Mill and her mother, Mary, works in the Spinning Department there.

Phillip Wayne Mitchell, 4, and Steven Aaron Mitchell, 1, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wayne Mitchell, Sr. Their father works in the Carding Department at Columbus Towel Mill.



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