

N. C. He is now completing thirteen weeks training in communications at Ft. Gordon, Ga.

Lora White, who is a spinner on the second shift at Maiden Plant, has a grandson, Ronnie Helms, in the Army. Ronnie has been in Vietnam for four months.

Frances Gilbert, also a spinner on the second shift, has a son who was drafted into the Army. Ronnie Gilbert was stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., but left Feb. 27, 1968 for a thirteen months tour of duty in Korea.

Sergeant Billy Hewitt returned from Vietnam Feb. 21, 1968. He is the son of Roy Hewitt, a twister tender on the first shift. Billy took his basic training at Ft. Bragg and his communications training at Ft. Gordon, Ga.

Aileene Propst, a roller picker on the first shift has three sons in service. Sergeant Larry Propst is in the Air Force and is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He previously spent three years in France. Larry has been in the Air Force since 1959 and plans to make a career of the service.

Sergeant Johnny Propst is in the Marines and is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C. He has already served in Vietnam and is due to be discharged in March.

David Propst is in the Marines also and he took his basic training at Paris Island, S. C. He left for Vietnam in February, but he had to stop over in Okinawa for an emergency appendectomy. He is now in Dang Ho, South Vietnam.

Myrtle Irene Cooke, who is a warp tender on the first shift, has a son who was drafted December 14. Steve Cooke is now completing his basic training at Ft. Bragg and expects to be sent to Ft. Ord, California.

Tommy Bumgarner recently spent a leave at home after returning from Vietnam. He is the son of Macie Bumgarner, who is a yarn packer on the first shift. Tommy took his basic training at Ft. Jackson and training in communications at Ft. Gordon. He is now stationed at Arlington Heights, Illinois, where he will spend the remainder of his time in the service.

We here at Maiden Plant, want to wish all of these young men the very best of luck, and to say that our prayers are constantly with them and their families.

One arm makes dangerous driving and poor hugging.

## MADORA PLANT NEWS

By Pat Rhyne

Adrian and Madora Plants have something new. We are now making yarn from a blend of Polyester and Cotton. We think this is another step of progress to keep up with our ever changing world.



Pat Rhyne

The Research and Development Dept. in the back of our plant looks as though it will soon be in operation. It is a small manufacturing dept for experimenting with old and new fibers.

We have several young men on Military Leave. We want to wish them the best of luck. They are: Dennis Griggs, Harold Moore and Mike Bell.

Happy Birthday to: Myrtle Jordan, Ralph Reid, Catherine Riding, Grady Jordan, Elmer Dowdle, Jane Horton, Shirley Frisbee, Ruth Huffstetler, Nelson Smith, Nellie Welch also Margaret Burroughs, Nella Manes, Annie Sue Rick, Troy Sipe, Marcus Waters, Evelyn Woods, James Musselwhite, Darby Faris and Bonnie Austin.

Welcome to our new employees: Kenneth Dryer, Bill Metcalf, Geneva Earney, Boyce Rimmer, Larry Green and Marvin Mathis.

We are glad to have Nellie Welch and Fred Hughes back after being in the hospital.

Vina Lee Smith has a new grandson. Frances Lynch is very nervous awaiting the arrival of her first grandchild. By the time this is printed it should be here, and Frances can settle down.

Luther Grindstaff is in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Nellie Boyles has already been wearing her Easter bonnet.

Virginia Riley, Joe Ledbetter, and Myrtle and Robert Jordan are all driving new cars.

Jim Bass is a very good canteen "boy."

As cold as the weather is right now, the only consolation I can think of, is, that the next time I write the news, Spring will be in full bloom.

So long till then.

"Do you like your new nurse? mother asked Jimmy.

"No, I hate her," said Jimmy. "I'd like to grab her and bite her neck like daddy does."

## PLANT #17 SYNTHETIC THREAD DIVISION

By Carolyn Black

It's what's happening time again at the Synthetic Plant, and we certainly have had a population explosion



Carolyn Black

around here with the opening of our New Bobbin Dept. I would like to welcome each of the new employees, and especially Mr. Henry Hoyrup, who came down from Conn. to help us get everything set up for these ready made sewing machine bobbins, such as the size, winds etc. We hope he has enjoyed being with us as much as we have enjoyed having him.

With this edition, I would like to begin a new feature at the Syn. Thd. Div. and tell you just a little about one of our customers. Nylon and Polyester Threads are used in many different industries, such as making tents, shoes, powder bags, ladies' undergarments, etc. But some of our biggest customers is the automobile industry. The Synthetic thread we make for the auto-trade goes into the making of seat-covers, seatbelts, carpets, and upholstery. A sample of the material to be used is sent to us to be sewed with the thread, and then returned for the color matching. Who knows, when you get in your car, you may be riding on A & E-Syn. Thd.

Since our last edition, we have lost two of our employees. My old sidekick, Jeanette Eller, who by now has a new addition to her family, and Geneva Ward who has taken a leave of absence. Hope both will return real soon, as we all miss them.

Sandra Owenby, one of the winders in the Bobbin Dept. recently returned from a glorious week in Hawaii with her husband who was on the R & R Relief Program from Viet Nam. She says Hawaii is beautiful, and she had a wonderful time.

Our first shift supervisor, Barry Grice and his wife, Gail will soon be hearing the patter of little feet around their house. They are expecting their first child, we all wish them well.

### EXTRAS:

#### —BIRTHDAYS—

Diane Horton, Becky Byers, Claude Wright, Kirby Davis.

#### —ANNIVERSARIES—

Cora Smith, Edythe Richards.  
A very special birthday wish to our Supt. Mr. Bourque, on March 1st. (He was 39 again this year.)

#### —HUMOROUS CORNER—

Marshall Wilkinson is still getting tangles up???????

Judy Black lost her broom the other day, and she asked Jerry Garrison had