

Honored In Service



FORT JACKSON, S. C. April 18 - Private Billy R. Abbott, son of Clyde R. Abbott, Henderson, North Carolina and Ida Pearl Abbott, 401 Church St., Louisburg, N. C., was honored as outstanding graduate of the field wire course in ceremonies held at Fort Jackson, S. C. on April 11, 1969.

Pvt. Abbott, who was assigned to Company B, 15th Battalion, 4th Combat Support Training Brigade, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, was presented a certificate of achievement by Colonel Thomas B. Maertens, Commanding officer, 4th Combat support training Brigade. Pvt. Abbott was selected for this honor in recognition of his leadership, military bearing and training proficiency.

He attended Edward Best High School. His wife, Linda, resides on Route 2, Louisburg, N. C.

One might call this the era of the investigation.

Trees Essential For Gracious Landscaping

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Shade and flowering trees have so many uses in the landscape. They are essential for a beautiful setting and for gracious living. They not only provide shade and color but can be used for framing the house, for background, for screening, and for wind-breaks. Now is a good time to check your landscape and plant trees that will blend harmoniously with the surroundings.

Perhaps a list of some of the more desirable trees will be helpful to you in making selections. First the small flowering trees: dogwoods, sourwood, crapemyrtle, flowering crabapples (there are many kinds to select from), serviceberry, Japanese cherries, sweet bay, golden-chain tree, mimosa (only wilt-resistant sorts), white fringe tree, American mountain ash, saucer magnolia, American holly, flowering plus;

Of the shade trees: Oaks - live, laurel, Darlington, white, northern red, scarlet, willow, shingle, chestnut, swamp chestnut, and southern red; Maples - Norway, sycamore, red, sugar and southern sugar maple.

Others: red and green ash, Kentucky coffee tree, American beech, southern magnolia, linden (basswood), white ash, pecan, hickory, pine, hackberry, river birch and yellow birch.

Some undesirable shade trees: osage orange, mulberry, honey locust (use Moraine instead), black locust, American elm (Dutch elm disease), chinaberry (trashy on lawn), silver maple (subject to storm damage - brittle), black walnut, southern catalpa, persimmon, blackjack, turkey and pin oaks.

It will be recognized that some of these undesirable sorts are so classified because of the fruits which drop when ripe and become a nuisance: mulberry, honey locust and



New Sign

Pictured above is a sign denoting a change in the name of Franklinton Fabrics, a Burlington Mills plant at Franklinton. The new name, as the sign shows is, Burlington Men's Wear, Franklinton Plant.

Photo by Bert Whitfield.

Freeze-Drying Has Potential

The freeze-drying method of processing cured flue-cured tobacco, now being developed at North Carolina State University, could have beneficial effects for every segment of the tobacco industry, including the grower.

"If these potentials are realized, it seems that the impact on the industry, from grower to consumer, would be significantly great and beneficial," said Dr. Kenneth R. Keller, director of the N. C. State tobacco research program.

He said the research on the freeze-drying method of processing, which is in the preliminary stages, will be continued by Dr. William H. Johnson, project leader, and that evaluations of the manufactured product will be made. "We have been very encouraged by what we have found so far," Dr. Keller commented.

The freeze-drying process Dr. Johnson is developing increases the filling capacity of the flue-cured tobacco. The

amount of tobacco needed to make a cigarette would be reduced. Therefore, the nicotine and tar contents of a cigarette may be reduced in proportion to the reduction in the amount of tobacco used.

The process may give the manufacturer more flexibility in modifying the raw product than he has had before. It might be possible to maintain a blend even if the tobacco being processed changed, for example, from low stalk or thin leaf to up-stalk or heavier bodied leaf.

Dr. Keller pointed out, however, that there is a continued need to produce high quality tobacco. In addition, since the process involves freeze-drying the tobacco after it has been cured, no change in the grower's production or curing practices would be affected.

Some concern has been expressed over the possibility that, because of its higher filling value, the freeze-dried tobacco could reduce demand

and affect production. Dr. Keller believes an opposite effect is more likely.

Giving his reasons for making this assumption, Dr. Keller outlined the following points:

"There is a distinct possibility that the new processing method could make some important contribution to the development of an even more desirable cigarette. Such a development, it would be reasonable to assume, could help maintain or boost consumption.

"Flue-cured tobacco has been penalized for its relatively low filling capacity in that some of the higher filling tobaccos have been replacing part of the flue-cured content in cigarette blends. The freeze-dried product would have a higher filling capacity and, theoretically, could be used for this new physical characteristic as well as for aroma and flavor.

"Should freeze-dried tobacco be used, it is anticipated that it would constitute only a small percentage of the tobacco in the cigarette blend.

Said Dr. Keller, "The grower's stake in any new development in the tobacco industry is as large or larger than anyone's. I can understand his immediate concern when it is suggested that the tobacco content of cigarettes may be reduced. However, when we look at this new research finding objectively and consider its ultimate potential to make significant contributions in a number of areas, I believe anyone connected with the tobacco industry, including most importantly the grower, will be encouraged."

Smug As A Rug

Weather reports from the previous home town of a man and his wife reported severe cold weather and heavy snows. Feeling a little smug over the pleasant warm climate they now lived in, they couldn't resist sending a color snap shot back to one of their old neighbors which showed gay blooming flowers, the two of them laughing and lounging on a beautiful lawn and the husband leaning against a power lawn mower.

On the back of the picture was written: "Taken on New Year's Day."

The following week they received a reply back from the old neighbors who sent along a snap shot of the two sitting before a cozy fire with a beautiful shepherd dog at the husband's feet. There was an enclosed note which read: "A darn shame you're still cutting grass in January."

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osage orange.

Some unusual trees you may wish to plant: upright Norway maple, yellowwood, weeping birch, upright ginkgo (specify male trees because female trees produce ill-smelling fruit), Asiatic magnolia, black gum, cork tree, Tilford red maple, English oak, Armstrong red maple, Scanlon red maple, flowering ash, golden-rain tree, fruitless mulberry, littleleaf linden; whitebeam mountain ash and European mountain ash.

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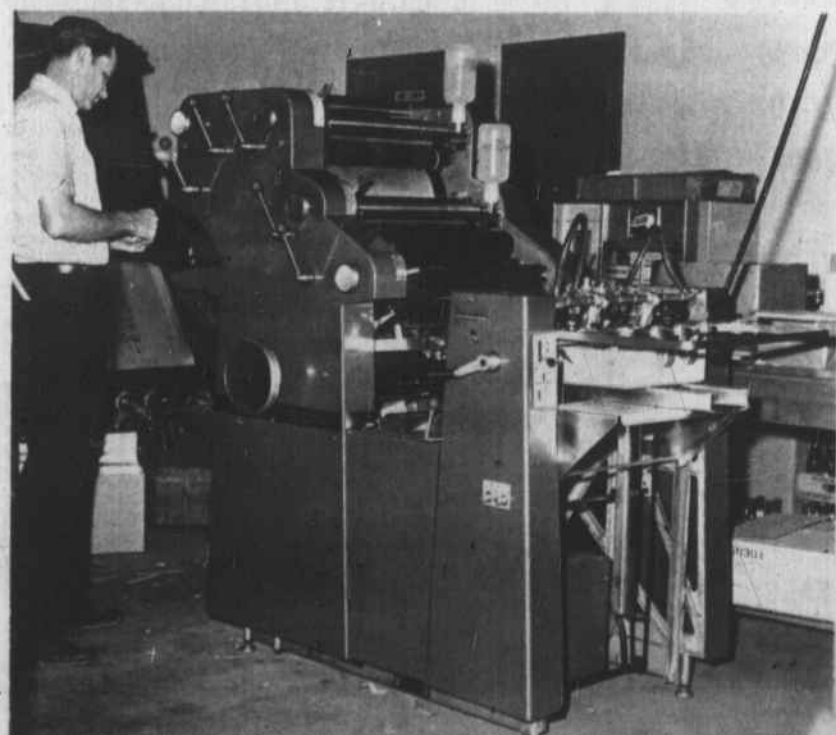
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