

# Along The Way

By Emily Killete

Faison's company of soldiers accepted the surrender of Geronimo and his men in the spring of 1886. Next, Faison served several years at the military base in San Francisco. Ordered back to the east coast, Faison attended the United States Engineering School at Willets Point in New York during 1890. Faison specialized in the use and control of torpedoes during his training at the engineering school. In 1896, Faison became an instructor of military science and tactics at West Point and served until 1899 when he sailed for duty in the Philippine Islands. In the Philippines, Captain Faison

was appointed the first American Judge of the Provost Court by the Governor General of the Islands. During Faison's three years on the islands, Aginaldo was leading the Philippine people in revolution. Leaving the Philippines, Faison returned to the United States in 1902 and served three years at Ft. Macon, San Francisco. Faison was called in 1905 for duty in the Quartermaster General's office in Washington, and a year later he married Eleanor Sowers of the District of Columbia. With the rank of major, Faison sailed in 1906 for duty in the Philippines. After two

years, he returned to America and served in New York state until 1910. Leaving New York, Faison was sent to Washington as a student officer at the Army War College. In 1911 he graduated with distinction and became assistant director at the War College and served one year. Duty in the canal zone of Panama was Faison's assignment during 1914 and after leaving, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and shipped to Honolulu to command a regiment. Moving close to home, Faison was stationed in Greenville, S.C., to command and train the 60th Brigade

of N.C. troops and commanded the 30th Division. In 1918, Faison and his Division sailed for Europe to fight beside English troops during World War I. The troops fought first in Belgium, then in San Dulutin and the Cambra front. The 30th Division under General Faison helped break the Hindenburg line September 29, 1918. Faison was twice decorated by the French government for the outstanding conduct of his troops. He was also awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the American government for his part in breaking the Hindenburg line. Faison returned to

America in command of the 30th Division in 1919. Faison retired from active service in 1921 "on account of a disability contracted in the line of duty." Faison retired as a Brigadier General and lived with his family in Baltimore until his death October, 17, 1940. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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Duplin has been the birthplace of many people who have become famous or held positions of great importance in government or the judicial system. One such man of fame and importance was General Samson Lane Faison of the town of Faison.

Faison was born to James and Elizabeth Lane, November of 1860. After receiving an education in Duplin private schools, Faison was appointed as a candidate to the United States Military Academy at West Point by Congressman A.M. Waddell. Information on Faison's life was recorded in the November 6, 1941 issue of the DUPLIN TIMES. According to the 1941 article, Faison had supplied information for a story to the DUPLIN RECORD newspaper Nov. 11, 1925.

After graduation from West Point in 1883, Faison was appointed to the position of 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Infantry in Arizona. With that Division, Faison took part in the Apache Indian campaign against Geronimo and his renegade Indians in Arizona, New Mexico and the Sierra Madre Mountains of old Mexico in 1885 and 1886. Lt.

## Receives Special Safety Awards

National Spinning Company, Inc., (Warsaw Plant) received two special awards from the North Carolina Department of Labor at an awards banquet May 23. Mike Lawter, Warsaw plant manager, accepted the awards from the assistant commissioner, Charles Jeffress. Jeffress commended the company's commitment to safety as he presented the company with its fourth consecutive year award.

To qualify, an establishment must have no on-the-job fatalities during the calendar year and must have maintained either a perfect safety record or recorded an occupational injury rate at least 50 percent below the statewide average.

National Spinning also received special recognition for surpassing the 1,200,000 employee-hour mark without a disabling injury. This record dates back to Dec., 1979. Since that time no employee has been injured to the point that they missed work because of that injury. In addition, because of NS's excellent safety record, it has been granted exemption from annual inspection by OSHA officials for 1984.

Plant manager Lawter said, "The fact that our company has earned these awards proves that our employees are committed to safety and are aware and responsible while on the job. Management doesn't win safety awards — the employees do." To commend its employees for their help in keeping the workplace safe, NS has given each of its employees a special safety award for each consecutive year completed with no lost-time accidents. In early May each received his own jogging suit to commemorate the safe year of 1983.

## Vacation Bible School Planned At Calvary

Calvary Baptist Church of Warsaw will hold Vacation Bible School June 11-15. Classes begin nightly at 7:30 p.m. Along with nightly Bible study students will construct craft projects and enjoy refreshments. Classes will be held for all age groups and the public is invited to attend.

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