

Foote Officials Trained Local Men For Jobs

Majority of the men working at Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain mill and mine are Kings Mountain natives, trained by a core of experts and "hard rock" miners who came here to re-open and develop the former Solvay plant in October, 1950.

Heading the organization here is Alfred B. Chandler, a native of Australia and a former resident of Tennessee. He attended Maryville college, Maryville, Tenn., and received a B. S. in chemistry from the University of Tennessee. He has also done special work in chemical engineering at Ohio State University and in spectroscopy at Columbia University.

In 1941, Mr. Chandler began specialization in spectrography at Aluminum Company of America in Alcoa, Tenn., and served in the U. S. Army for three and one-half years as spectroscopist assigned to the Manhattan Project at the Oak Ridge plant of Tennessee Eastman company.

Mr. Chandler joined the Foote laboratory in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1947 as director of the company's spectrographic laboratory and became Foote's chief chemist before accepting the position here.

He is married, has a son and lives on Meadowbrook road.

E. T. Guter, mill superintendent, is a mining engineer and a graduate of North Dakota School of Mines. He is the plant's assistant manager. A mid-westerner, Mr. Guter worked with American Rutile Corp., Roseland, Va., for eight years and with National Lead, Tahawas, N. Y., for a year before coming here in February.

He is married, has two children and lives on Shelby road.

Bill Hudspeth, a native of Winston-Salem, is the plant's chief chemist and assistant mill superintendent. He is a graduate of Wake Forest college and did graduate work in chemistry at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Hudspeth was formerly with the North Carolina state minerals research laboratory in Asheville where he assisted in the development of the floatation process for the separation of lithium from spodumene ore. The process is now in use at the Kings Mountain plant.

He joined Foote here in May, is married, has two children and lives on Meadowbrook road.

Jim Sullens, a "hard rock" field-spar miner of Spruce Pine, is mine foreman. He has worked in mining all his life and is known



KINGS MOUNTAIN PLANT, FOOTE MINERAL COMPANY—Above is a view of the mill at the Kings Mountain plant of Foote Mineral Company. The picture was taken from the south side of the mill and shows drying bins in the foreground. The plant now has a capacity production of 360 tons per day on a 7-day, 24-hour schedule. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

as a "dynamite artist" for his skill in blasting pits.

Mr. Sullens came to Kings Mountain in February and has three sons also working at the plant here. His wife, for the present, remains in Spruce Pine.

Fred Dixon, well-known Kings Mountain native, is buying, shipping and personnel supervisor.

Dudley Rainey, mining engineer in charge of mapping, exploration and development, is a graduate of Colorado School of Mines and holds a masters degree from Columbia University.

Mr. Rainey came here in August and his wife and one child joined him about a month ago. They live on Grover road.

Rudi Wuennenberg, a graduate of Temple University and an accountant at the Foote main office in Philadelphia before joining the Kings Mountain division in March, is office manager. He is married, has a son and lives on East Kings Street.

Most of the other employees at the plant are Kings Mountain area men, including mill foremen Dennis Goforth and Jack Hartsoe, of Kings Mountain, Tom Gordon, of York, S. C., and Boyd Riley, of Clover, S. C.

At present the plant employs 58 men, almost full employment at this stage of the development, according to Mr. Guter.

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commercial quantities and since that time has continued to grow and today is one of the leading producers of rare minerals.

The company maintains offices in Philadelphia, Pa., laboratories in Berwyn, Pa., and plants at Exton, Pa., and Kings Mountain. Along with the Kings Mountain mine, the company also owns a lapidite mine in Southwest Africa.

Plans are underway for expansion of the mining facilities here and mining facilities are already being expanded, with H. R. Stewart Construction Co., of Asheville, clearing land, opening new pits. Lee Construction Co., of Charlotte, under supervision of W. W. Tolleson, of Kings Mountain, is now completing several small construction projects at the plant.

Majority of Foote stock is owned by the employees, according to Mr. Chandler, and the company's bonus system gives every employee a chance at more stock as well as extra cash. The company also gives employees hospital and medical insurance, he said.

"All laborers at the plant, former textile workers and farmers, were trained in their new trade

by experienced miners and are doing an excellent job," Mr. Chandler continued. "We are very happy with the progress being made in developing this new industry in Kings Mountain," he added.

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ed the plans.

"This is not my plan, but yours," Mr. Graves told the group. He said that he was not giving a final report at this time.

The plans call for a central recreation area to be located on the property between East Ridge street, Dilling street, Cleveland avenue and the Loom-Tex mill.

Mr. Graves said that the central area would probably have a building with club rooms, kitchen, gymnasium, dressing rooms and possibly other rooms, an athletic field with lights and permanent bleachers for baseball, football and softball, parking for 500 cars, tennis courts, a swimming pool, recreation area for small children, wooded and other area and would be a year-round center.

Other sections to be developed would include three white centers, including a small play ground near Bridges Airport, the present stadium area for horse

Tar Heel Leads Cincinnati Group

ROCK HILL, S. C.—The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Thor Johnson, will give a concert at Winthrop College Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 8 p. m. in the Winthrop auditorium.

The third number on Winthrop's current artist series, the concert will mark the second appearance here of the Cincinnati Orchestra and Conductor Johnson. Their previous performance was on the artists series three years ago.

Reared at Winston-Salem, N. C., and educated at the University of North Carolina, Johnson has been music director and permanent conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony since 1947. The orchestra's musical growth under his baton has been widely acclaimed, until today the organization ranks as one of the top 10 American symphony orchestras.

For the Winthrop concert the orchestra will play four selections: Bach, "Sinfonia in E Flat Major"; Brahms, Symphony No. 1 in C Minor; Roy Harris, "Cumberland Concerto"; and Respighi, "The Pines of Rome".

Roy Harris, American composer, was commissioned by Johnson and the Cincinnati Symphony to write "Cumberland Concerto". The score was completed August 5 of this year and was premiered soon after at Cincinnati. The Winthrop concert will be the second public performance of the composition.

The orchestration for the "Concerto" includes, in addition to the customary string and wind instruments, the baritone tuba, alto saxophone, vibraphone, gong, suspended cymbals, harp, and amplified piano.

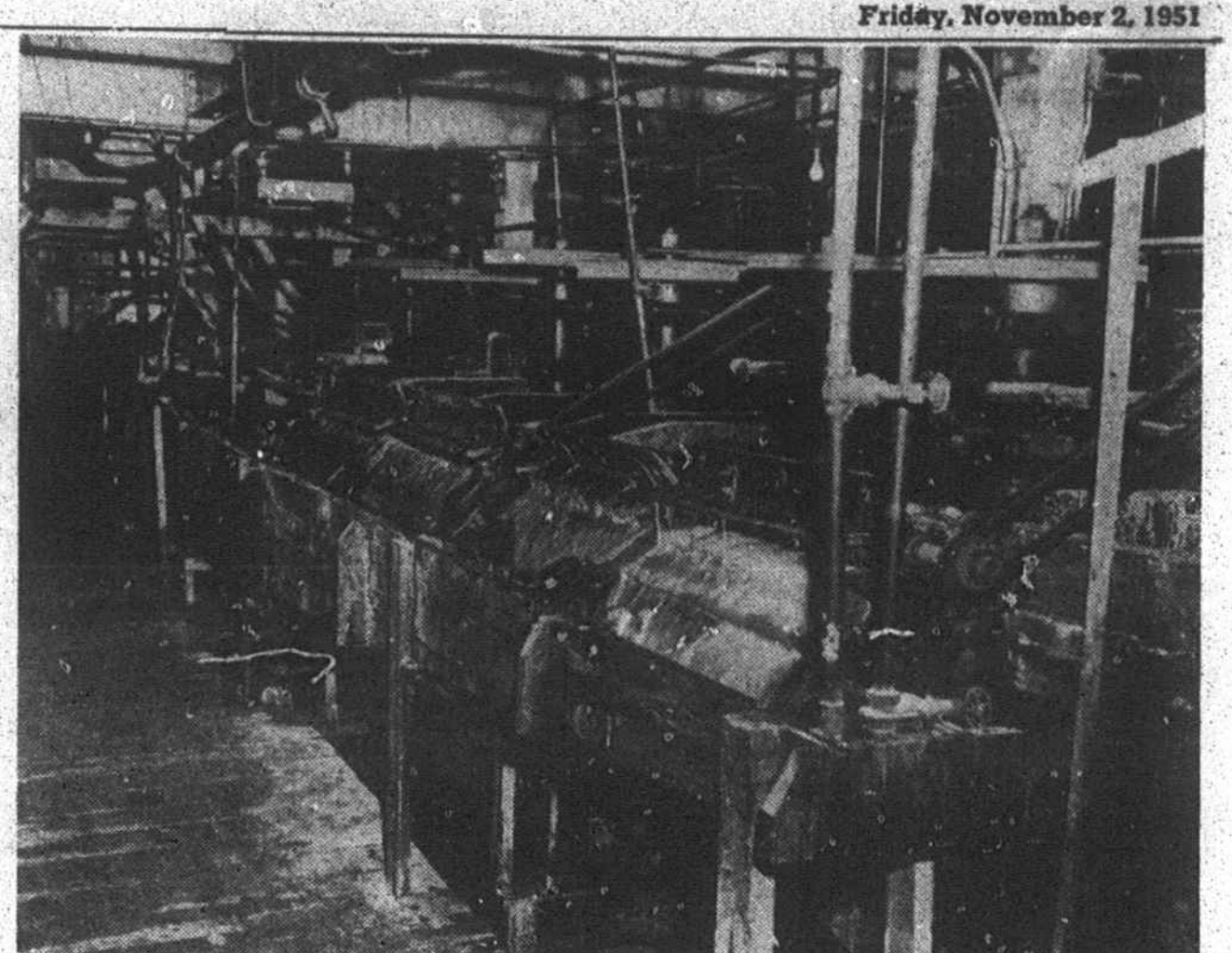
Ticket information on the concert may be obtained from the Bursar's Office, Winthrop College.

shows and two lighted softball fields, and a picnic area at the old waterworks, and a Negro area at Davidson school, Mr. Graves continued.

Purpose of the meeting was to decide on location of the central recreation center. It was pointed out, so that efforts to obtain property, which is owned by Burlington Mills, Inc., could be launched.

Representatives from the following organizations were present: American Legion, Kiwanis club, Lions club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, city schools and the city board.

Recreation commission members present included Mr. Chandler, Rev. P. D. Patrick, Mrs. George Houser, Mrs. Harry Page, W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Hunter R. Neisler.



INSIDE FOOTE PLANT, LITHIUM-BEARING ORE IS "FLOATED" FROM ORIGINAL ORE — Shown in progress above is the floatation process by which spodumene (lithium-bearing ore) is separated from pegmatite ore, which is mined from the open, quarry-like pits at the plant. The pegmatite is crushed before reaching this stage. (Photo by Carlisle Studio.)

Little Theatre Invites Members

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre is now accepting applications for membership for the 1951-52 season. It was announced this week by B. S. Peeler, Jr., president of the organization.

Persons interested in joining the Little Theatre are requested to communicate with Mr. Peeler, or any of the other officers or members, who will present their names for consideration at the next meeting of the group.

Mr. Peeler pointed out that applicants need not necessarily have special acting talent to be a member of the Little Theatre organization. "It takes as many people back stage in staging a play, as it does for the cast," Mr. Peeler said. "If you like to paint, design or make costumes, construct scenery, or handle lighting and sound effects, all of these things are necessary too, and we can find a job for you."

The Little Theatre group plans to present three plays during the 1951-52 season and new members will be needed to participate in these productions as actors, actresses, or stagehands. In addition to these productions, plans for the production of Robert Os-

borne's historical drama "Then Conquer We Must!" are also being formulated for next year, and this will require many additional members, Mr. Peeler said.

Those who would like to take a part in this community effort as a member of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre are being requested to get their applications in promptly. If unable to communicate with Mr. Peeler or any other officer or member, application may be made by letter.

"All that you need to state is your name, address and telephone number. Also include any particular skill or fault. If more than one member of the same family wishes to apply the information can all be given in the same letter. Mail your applications to Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., and you will be notified as soon as possible after the application has been presented before the full membership for their approval," Mr. Peeler continued.

The applications will be presented at the next scheduled meeting, November 6th. Mr. Peeler urged all members to attend the Tuesday meeting stating that many important matters are to be discussed.

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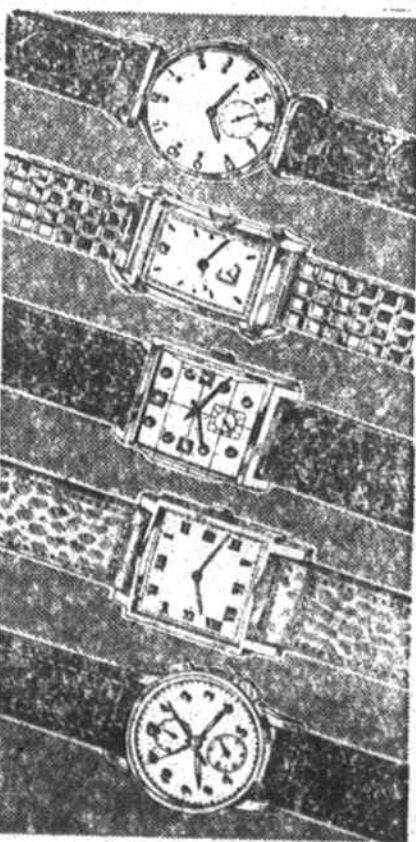
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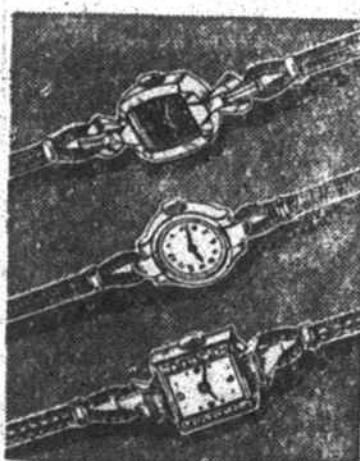
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