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The publishers of The Clothmaker will welcome items of interest from its readers. Turn them in to your reporters or to the personnel office.

OUR OBLIGATIONS

A business enterprise, like an individual, has many obligations to many people. All through the years the management of Clinton and Lydia Mills has been conscious of the many obligations of these two companies.

Obviously, we feel a tremendous and continuing obligation to all those who look to the companies for a livelihood. Counting our families there are some 6,000 of us in this group.

We have, and recognize, a distinct obligation to the community in which we operate. Our operations have an important effect on the economy of Clinton and Laurens County.

We feel, and should feel, a tremendous obligation to our customers who, in the final analysis, make our operation possible. Many of our customers have relationships with us extending over many years. Hardly ever do we have any particular interest in making a one-time sale. We like to think of every sale as being a part of a long-time relationship. We are confident that one important reason why most of our customers are those who have bought our cloth for many years is that these customers look on us as a dependable source of supply. When in August we promise delivery in November, we make November delivery. Every person working at Clinton and Lydia has a direct and continuing interest in fulfilling the delivery promises made by our management. A man or company who bears a reputation of always doing what he says he will do owns something the value of which far exceeds the value of money.

In thinking of these obligations and others, it is quite apparent that by far the most important obligation we have to everyone interested in the companies is to operate them at a profit. Obviously if we operate at a loss over a sufficient length of time, we go broke. Everyone can readily see the effect this has on employees, the community, customers, stockholders and others concerned.

Some might argue that the company could continue to discharge most of its obligations if it neither made nor lost money. This is not true. A company which is neither making nor losing money may not be dying but it certainly is sick. Such sickness results in being unable to replace obsolete machinery. It results in being unable to adequately pay its employees. It results in being unable to fully meet community obligations and to help the community grow. It results in poor quality and high-priced cloth and consequent loss of customers. In short, profits are our life blood and if shut off, sooner or later we wither and die.

Your management fully recognizes the obligations facing it in the operation of these mills. It would indeed be disastrous, though, not to completely and fully recognize that the one and only way to meet these obligations is to so conduct the business that a profitable operation will be the result.

Around Lydia Lydia Scouts Attend Camp

By Mrs. Ione Wallace

The annual census of the Lydia village has just been completed by George Fleming and Mrs. Wallace.

The annual Lydia Hobby Show will be held August 29-30 in the Community building from 1 until 10 p. m. Friday and from 9 to 5 Saturday. Members of the club will be hostesses, displaying everything made during the past year. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded to winners. If you have made anything, be sure to display it. You do not have to be a Hobby Club member to enter. Art instructors from Winthrop College will be judges.

Our first annual day camp for Campfire Girls and Blue Birds was most successful. More about that elsewhere in this issue.

Lydia Scouts Attend Camp

Ten boys from Lydia Boy Scout troop 90 attended Camp Old Indian for a week in July under the supervision of Scoutmaster J. B. Abercrombie and carried off a number of honors.

Six of the boys passed off their second class rank and three most of their first class requirements. In the swimming meet, Scout Bobby Fuller won the dive for distance under water, and Scouts Ronald Corley and Herman Burdette won second in the horse and chariot race.

A wonderful time was had by the boys. Those not present when the photograph was made were Herman Burdette, Tony Abercrombie and Gerald Satterfield.



By Pierre Burdette

August has unusual significance from a military standpoint to natives of this area for it was this month in 1780 that the battle of Musgrove's Mill was fought on Enoree River near here.

As this important engagement of the Revolutionary War wiped out a large force of the enemy which later would have reinforced Maj. Pat Ferguson operating in the vicinity, this loss undoubtedly had a direct effect on the outcome of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

The American cause was in a bad way in South Carolina with the lower part of the state, including Charleston, in the hands of the British under Lord Cornwallis, and this of course threatened the interior. British and Tory troops, probably from Ninety Six where the enemy had strong outposts, were encamped at Musgrove's Mill.

American forces commanded by Colonels Williams, Shelby and Clarke advanced upon them from the northeast, reinforced themselves on the ridge beyond the river, and drew the enemy into a skirmish by a small force. Col. Innes, British commander, thought he could capture this small group and followed them up the hillside.

Well protected by breastworks, the American patriots were much stronger than counted on and the British were met with a withering fire, retreating with heavy losses to the river.

British casualties in this battle were 63 killed, 90 wounded and 70 prisoners. The Americans suffered only 4 killed and 9 wounded. The victory gave great encouragement to South Carolinians.

Mary Musgrove is a well-known name in this section. The heroine of Kennedy's book, "Horseshoe Robinson," she lived with her parents who operated the mill at Enoree crossing.

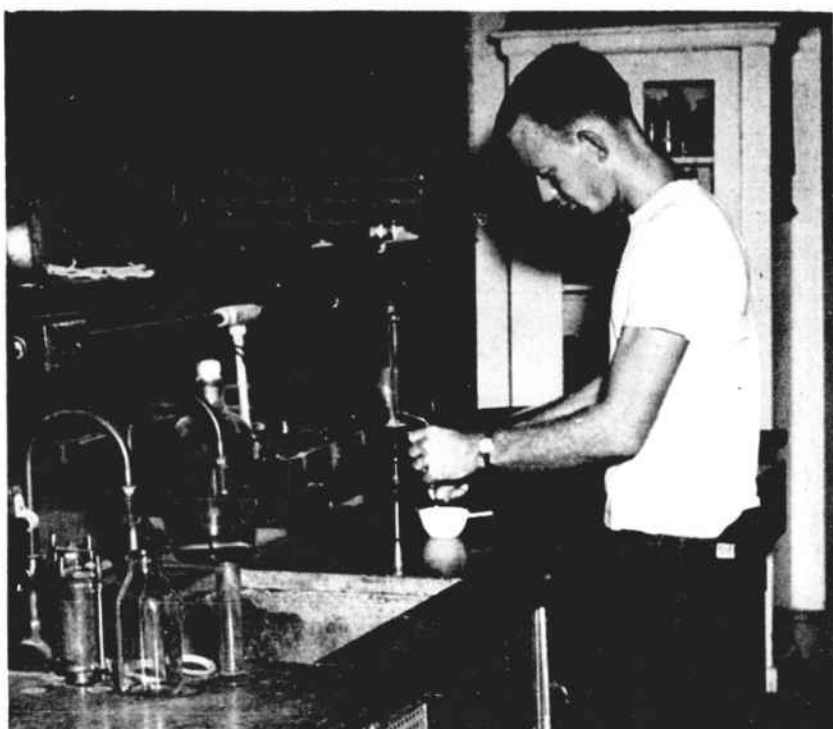
Mary Musgrove is credited with giving American patriots in this locality valuable and sacrificial assistance.

Another noteworthy patriot in that area was the frontiersman and scout, "Horseshoe" Robinson about whom the nationally known historian Kennedy wrote his book of the Revolutionary War. Horseshoe Falls, on Cedar Creek, is said to have been his hiding place when eluding enemy pursuers, and Mary Musgrove is said to have brought food to him when hiding under the falls.

WATCH YOUR SPEED!

Better watch the speed limit and those stop signs around Lydia. Several people lately have been introduced to a state policeman for not watching the signs, and the introduction was costly!

It's Pure, That's Sure!



BOBBY MEADORS, filter plant operator, makes frequent laboratory checks every day to be sure that all water used at Clinton-Lydia and in the villages is sparkling clear and pure.

The water which is supplied to both Clinton and Lydia Mills, to the two villages and to the Lydia swimming pool is as pure as you can find anywhere.

The reason for this is the ultra-modern filter plant located near the Clinton Mill which is operated by Bobby Meadors. The unit purifies and pumps between 450 and 500 thousand gallons of water a day and could handle up to 840,000 gallons if need be.

Water is taken from Beard Fork Creek, treated with alum to remove mud and other sediment, filtered and then chlorine is added to guarantee its purity far above state standards for drinking water.

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mechanical equipment is working perfectly.

A new reservoir was just completed a few months ago behind the filter plant which gives an extra storage capacity of more than 3 million gallons.

And speaking of pure water, Clinton and Lydia Mills go a step further to see that water used in the two swimming pools not only is pure when it goes in, but stays pure. The water in the pools is constantly purified by filtration, chemical treatment and a vacuum cleaner system.

Constant vigilance at our filter plant and at the pools is maintained to insure clean and sparkling pure water which safeguards our health.



THESE SETTLING TANKS at the Clinton-Lydia filter plant are the first step in purifying the water you drink, use in the mill and in the pools, is purer than the highest state standards.



JO CARROLL TERRY, Clinton community, celebrated her 4th birthday July 18 with a party attended by 19 of her friends.



PART OF THE LYDIA troop attending Camp Old Indian are shown above: Raymond Kuykendall, Doran, Ronald Corley, Richard Martin, Alvin Satterfield, Scoutmaster J. B. Abercrombie, Bobby Fuller and Harold Pearson.