



FIRST PRIZE WENT TO LYDIA COTTON MILLS for this float in Clinton's annual Christmas Parade two weeks ago. The float, designed by Mrs. Ione Wallace, symbolized the part that America's industrial plants, including the textile industry, play in creating world-wide peace through their production of essential goods. The beauty of the float was further beautified by the four lovely models Lavale Hamilton, Joyce Mitchell, Delores Alexander and Eloise Marshall as Miss Liberty. Lydia's prize-winning float won over some other floats from nearby towns which had won first place in their Christmas parades.



THIS IS CLINTON MILL'S float which took part in the Clinton Christmas parade. The float depicted Christmas at home and on the battlefield, with an empty chair at the table representing the son away at war.

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Father-Son Talk

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different jobs in the department if we happen to get short-handed. There's being on time every day. There are kind of 'outside things' which aren't actually part of the job but which in the end help me, you and all the people I work with. Such as being on the safety committee, or helping get up news for the mill newspaper, or maybe helping with the Community Chest drive . . . things like that.

"I like to think that part of my job is being a good citizen of Laurens county, being a good father and a good American, too. It's pretty hard these days to tell where your home life, community life and mill life begin and end. They're all mixed up together.

Cecil looked a little confused.

"Maybe this will help clear up things," Joe said. "Tell your classmates about my grandfather and his job."

"Great grand-pa?" said Cecil. "Boy, he must have been a wheel. At least his pictures make him look like one."

"Yes, he was quite a man," Joe said. "The only trouble was that he had to get up before daylight and work until way after dark. He ran a farm almost by himself and he was his own carpenter, bricklayer, gardener, repairman and blacksmith. He worked the year 'round doing hundreds of different jobs.

"Great grand-ma was a good manager, too. She had her own butter and egg business. She ran the house, fed the stock, did the washing, mending, ironing, baking and once in a while she had a little time left over at night to look through a mail-order catalog for things she would like to have.

"They earned a good living, and finally they had some of the comforts we all want. They were very important and respected people in the community."

Joe, the loomfixer, leaned forward. "Today, I see that the looms in my department are running in tip-top shape, producing cloth for the people of this country and of the world. It's good cloth, cloth that will wear, that looks nice and is better than they can produce in any

other country. In return, we own a car, have a radio, plenty of clothes and plenty to eat. We go on a vacation every year and relax for several days each summer. We have our hunting and fishing in between, our baseball and other things we like. I have time to do the things I enjoy in the evening, like sitting here talking to you.

"They may have had it good in the old days, but they had to work their hearts out to earn it. We enjoy far more than they ever dreamed of. I say my jobs pretty important. Just between you and me, I think I'm just a little bit important, too."

"You're not kidding, dad," replied Cecil. "You're important and you've got muscles, too. Just wait until tomorrow gets here. I can't wait to tell Tommy and Joe and rest of the kids about your job."



RALPH BLACKWELL, Jr. is this smiling young gent, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blackwell, First Weaving, Lydia.



BRENDA ANN is the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ovell Woody, Clinton Spinning Department.

Chest X-Rays Are Successful

More than 1,400 Clinton and Lydia employee took advantage of the chest X-ray unit and blood test program when the unit visited both plants late last month.

At Lydia, 635 employees received chest X-rays while 290 had blood tests made.

At Clinton 752 took advantage of the X-ray testing and 135 had blood tests made.

Many other people in both villages also received both tests as the figures above include only those tests for employees.

Lydia Campfires Entertain Group

The Aowakiya group of Campfire Girls entertained with a party at the Lydia community center. DeLores Alexander and Catherine Whitmore directed the games. Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Lois Webb and George Fleming led the group in songs and folk dancing.

Each girl prepared a trail lunch and these were served in the dining room in picnic fashion.

Mills Sponsoring New Radio Safety Program

The Lydia and Clinton Cotton Mills, always "safety-conscious," are sponsoring a number of Youth Safety announcements over radio station WKDK in Newberry throughout December and January.

The announcements remind listeners to practice safety at all times, at home as well as at work and while driving on the highways. Future announcements are scheduled at 7 A.M. December 23 and 30, and January 6 and 13.

Puckett Lad Feted By Lydia Children

Mrs. Henry Puckett was hostess at the Lydia Kindergarten rooms to a number of children, honoring the fifth birthday of her son, Roger. Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Sholar assisted in entertaining the guests.

After refreshments were served, Mrs. Puckett presented attractive favors to the twenty-seven children present.

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Whitmire, December 22; Floyd Phipps, December 22; Linda Gail Holbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holbert, celebrated her second birthday November 28.

First Spinning By Mrs. Mary Ellison

Friends of Pvt. Thomas A. Ellison will be glad to know he has returned to this country and now is in a hospital at Fort Bragg, N. C. Mrs. J. T. Ellison, Theo Ellison and Mrs. Thomas Ellison visited him at Fort Bragg.

Pvt. and Mrs. Thomas Ellison celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary December 1.

Mrs. Nelle Mills has returned to work after being ill . . . Airman 2nd class James H. Snider and a friend, Billy Whiddon, visited Airman Snider's parents, the Roy Sniders. They are stationed at MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla.

Little Donnie Snider is ill. Wedding bells rang out in our department this month. Miss Wilma Opal Coker and Mason Coleman were married November 22. Congratulations!

Homer Gallman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gallman, has joined the navy and is stationed at San Diego, Calif. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gallman attended the funeral of Pvt. Bobby Brooks who was killed in Korea Sept. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dalton and the R. P. Daltons attended a birthday dinner at Calhoun Falls at the home of W. N. Dalton.

Jack Pearson, son of the T. H. Pearsons, has joined the navy and is in San Diego, Calif. . . the Jennings Cooks and Robert visited in Asheville . . . Mrs. Jewel Fuller has returned to work after an illness . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Lawson celebrated their 12th anniversary December 4 . . . The B. H. Thompsons were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pridmore recently.

We welcome Mrs. D. C. Harris to our department.

Mrs. O. H. Miller spent a weekend with her parents, the J. H. Wallenzines.

Friends of Rev. C. R. Anderson will regret to learn he is in Blalock clinic.

Jessie Harvey has been discharged from the Army. He is the son of Mrs. Alma Harvey . . . Mrs. Alma Harvey, O. C. Harris and Mrs. Maude Harvey attended the funeral

of their uncle, Mr. John Davenport, of Fountain Inn.

Mrs. Sarah Snider of Johnson City, Tenn. spent two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Susie Banks. Mrs. Bank's sister, Mrs. Kem Belden, also visited her.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Alexander had their daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Scott, of Greenville, as a recent guest.

On the weekend of the 22nd, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Willard and family visited the J. C. Lambs of Atlanta and attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Mary Lamb.

Billy Willard, Quindon Jones and Ralph Harbin attended stock car races at Greenwood Thanksgiving.

Happy birthday to Roy Snider, Dec. 14; Jimmy Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dean, January 1.

Harold Hawkins of Seneca, son of Mrs. Lizzie Hawkins, recently visited her.

L. A. Willard celebrated a birthday Dec. 1 . . . Mrs. Susie Banks had a birthday November 19, and Sarah Snider had one December 5 . . . Betty Kay and Donnie Kay, twins of Mr. and Mrs. Walter, celebrate their second birthday December 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rosenberg of Newport News, Va., visited Mrs. J. T. Ellison and Theo and Mrs. Thomas Ellison.



JOHNNY ROGER PEAVY is the son of Mrs. Sara Peavy who works in the Clinton No. 2 Spinning Room, second shift.



JAMES TERRY HUGHES is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Clinton plant.