

Lydia News

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CARD ROOM 1ST SHIFT

By Martha Wyatt

Mrs. Annie Bell Johnson spent last weekend with her aunt, Mrs. Edna Trent, of Spartanburg, S. C.

Everyone is glad to see Mr. Roy Snider well again and back to work.

Mr. J. D. Bullard has returned to his home at Clarksdale, Ga., after spending a week with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wyatt.

Everyone wants to wish the painters a hardy welcome to our department, as we are going to be very proud to have a new clean painted department.

We are sorry to know that Mrs. Nell Mills is ill at Mrs. Roy Snider's, where she is making her home. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuykendall visited their daughter in Columbus, Ga., last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitmore visited their mother in Whitmire, S. C., recently.

Little sons of Mr. Johnnie Deyton have recently celebrated their 7th and 8th birthdays, Roger Dale 7; Jr. 8.

Everyone has been wondering why Mr. Bill Bailey has been wearing a big smile and to our surprise we recently learned that Bernice, his wife, had returned to work in the spinning department.

Miss Irene White left Saturday, January 26, for Washington, D. C., where she has accepted a position with the F. B. I. She was honored with a going away party Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Whitmire.

CARD ROOM 2ND SHIFT

By Myrtie Alewine

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Phipps have a new granddaughter at their home. She is the daughter of Mrs. Charles Rice.

CARD ROOM 3RD SHIFT

By W. L. Gambrell

On Friday evening, January 11th, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore entertained a large number of children with a party honoring their daughter, Beth Anne, on her 11th birthday.

The Community building was decorated beautifully with ivy. Mrs. Cecil Pearson and Mrs. Bill King led the games, after which refreshments were served buffet.

Beth received many nice and useful gifts.

We were sorry to hear of the death of James Waddle's uncle, Mr. Pierce Waddle of Enoree.

Employee: "Would you increase my wages; I was married yesterday?"

Overseer: "Sorry, but we are not responsible for accidents that occur outside the mill."

The Camp Fire Girls at Lydia send garden seeds to the clubs in Ceylon. This was a reply which Linda Corley received from Ceylon, thanking the Girls for their gifts. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Corley of Lydia.

Dear Miss Corley,

I write this letter with lot of thanks to you and your Club Members for the kind gifts sent to our Clubs in Ceylon. I write this as an Organizer of Clubs and not as a member of a Club but on behalf of all the members in my Clubs. Let me introduce myself first, I am a Government Officer attached to the Dept. of Food Production (Extension Service), it is part of my duty to organise Young Farmers Clubs which is equal to your 4-H Clubs in U.S.A.

Working of Clubs

Every member should be between the ages of 9 years to 21 years. Every member should select the projects he or she likes to follow on enrolling as a member. From the time a girl or boy becomes a member he or she should work for the improvements of the club and should follow the projects well so that it may become useful on leaving the club. The clubs are organised in Schools and villages. Some of our club projects are as follows:—Poultry, piggery, cattle breeding, Home Gardening, Carpentry, Food Preservation and Paddy Cultivation which is our staple food. Most of our members do very

We have very good rainfall due to which all kinds of cultivations are done. Our country is divided into zones. i.e. Up Country and Low Country. The Up Country consists of all the High Hills and some of world's best waterfalls. The low country is close to the Sea and the level is almost the sea level. The Climate in Up Country is cold and wet but in low country it is hot during the warm months. Our main exports are tea, rubber and coconuts and various other crops such as Cocoa, Cardamoms, Peppers, etc. Tea grows in Up Country above 2000 feet sea level. Our Up Country area is fully grown with tea. Most Estates are owned by English Companies as well as Ceylonese and a small percentage of Indian Tamils who are residents of this country. Low Country Grows Rubber and Coconuts and majority of the Estates are owned by Ceylonese. (I hope you taste our Ceylon Tea) and you like it. It is a very good drink. I am a great tea drinker and take about 10 cups a day.

Our main staple food is rice which is grown through out the country and due to the increase in population we now import rice to Burma and China. We are trying our best to make our country self sufficient by using all the improved methods of paddy cultivation etc. My Department is doing its best and I am one of those who got to instruct the Paddy Cultivators in the improved methods of paddy cultivation.

Population and races

Our country is thickly populated and there are several races. The Singhalese are the original settlers of the country and hence it became Ceylon. I am a Singhalese and this is my mother country. There are the Timils who had

ing on to Singhalese.

I think I have given you a fair knowledge of our country and I hope that you will give this information to your Camp Fire Members and I hope to hear from you very soon. In your next letter let me know what you like to have from this country and what your hobbies are so that I may help you.

As a Servant of the Government, I have very little time for hobbies, but I do lot of Reading and Most of them are about your country, Photography, Driving and Agriculture. Photography is very expensive because a very good camera is very costly in our country.

So little Linda, It is time that I brought this letter to an end with best wishes from me and my Club Members to you and the rest.

Good Luck.

Sincerely,

Shelton Kannangara

You Can't Win!!

On the lighter side—here is a philosophy of life which has its points:

Did it ever occur to you that a man's life is full of crosses and temptations? He comes into the world without his consent and goes out of it against his will—and the trip between is exceedingly rocky.

When he is little, the big girls kiss him—when he is big, the little girls kiss him. If he is poor, he is a bad manager, — if he is rich, he is dishonest. If he needs credit he can't get it — if he is prosperous, everyone wants to do him a favor.

If he is in politics, it is for graft — if he is out of politics, he is no good to his country. If he doesn't give to charity, he is a stingy cuss — if he does, it is for show.

If he is actively religious, he is a hypocrite — if he takes no interest in religion, he is a hardened sinner. If he gives affection, he is a soft specimen — if he cares for no one, he is cold-blooded.

If he dies young, there was a great future for him — if he lives to an old age, he missed his calling.

So it looks like the best thing to do is just push along from day to day "doing what comes naturally" and enjoying life in the process.

THINK

Always know what you're doing. It only takes a little thought. Never plunge headlong into a job without knowing the hazards of that particular job and the methods of protecting yourself against those hazards. And that applies both on and off the job.

Take the case of the man who somehow got the idea that the light in the trunk compartment of his car stayed lit after the trunk door was closed.

Curiosity got the best of him. So he crawled into the trunk compartment and had his son close the door. He found out what he wanted to know—the light went out. But the door had locked automatically and the key was in his pocket.

He got out all right, but it took a half hour's work by his brother, who had to generally dissect the rear end.

See what we mean about giving a little thought to your job before you start?

Inventor



Mr. T. M. Donald, slasher supervisor at Lydia Mills, designed the safety bar and air doff apparatus shown above. The device works off cylinder of air pressure. The air pressure is controlled by the weight of the beam being lifted. The device eliminates manual loading of a slasher.

COULD COP SEE?



Lonnie Dell Childress, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Childress of Lydia Mills, celebrated his 9th birthday Feb. 11.

well, when they leave the clubs they have enough money to carry on their projects independently and become good citizens of our country. I shall give a full account of our clubs in my next letter which will be sent on receipt of your reply. Ceylon

Have you heard of Ceylon in your class room and have you read in books? I hope you have heard much about Ceylon and I would like to give a short account of my country so that you may gather more knowledge and impart to your Camp Fire Members.

Our land is called the land of Gems, because precious stones are found in plentyful in our country. Our country is ever-green and the sun shines throughout the year.

come from India and settled down in Ceylon. Most of our Tea Estate Labourers are from India and they are very good workers. There are the other minority races, Muslims, Brughers etc.

All Ceylonese are well educated in English and Singhalese. We Singhalese are supposed to be the world's best English Speakers, better than our own mother tongue. All business is done in English, but now we are switch-

Mothers Who Marched for Polio



Clinton ladies assembly prior to canvassing Clinton Mills for the March of Dimes.