

## Native Honors Two Executives

Gerstle and Carver  
With Firm 25 Years

Two company executives who devoted 25 years of service to Native Laces & Textiles, Inc., were honored with speeches and presentations at the Della Robbia Room of the Hotel Vanderbilt, New York, Tuesday night, on the occasion of the company's annual dinner-dance.

Gustave Gerstle, vice president in charge of production, and James Carver, president of Carver Lace Works (a Native affiliate) were both cited for their contributions to the firm's more than fifty years as an important lace factor.

With the company's entire New York staff and mill representatives present, Leon Birnbaum, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Mathew Birnbaum, President, paid tribute to the two men. They commented on Native's position as largest lace producer in the world, and attributed much credit for having achieved that position to Messrs. Gerstle and Carver.

Although neither man is American born, the business careers of both were described as true "Horatio Alger" stories. Mr. Gerstle came to this country from Constance, Germany, and started as a stockboy in 1929. His current position brings him into contact with almost every branch of the business; he directs all the company's affiliated mills, specializing in production details, labor negotiations and personnel problems.

James Carver, son of a Nottingham lace weaver, brought to Native a vital background in English lace techniques. Starting as a threader in a lace mill, Mr. Carver has been responsible for some of the finest Native Laces through the years.

Mrs. Gerstle and Mrs. Carver, the only outside guests at the affair, were both presented with token gifts by the company.

## More Fatal Accidents In Home Than On Road

More people died from accidents occurring in Pennsylvania homes last year (1953) than were killed in automobile accidents on the Commonwealth's highways, it was reported today by the Bureau of Statistics and Records, Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Accidental falls accounted for the majority of the home accident fatalities, according to the report. It places home accidents ninth among the leading causes of death in the State for 1953. Total number of deaths from accidents in the home were 1,890, according to data compiled by Dr. Albert E. Bailey, Director, Bureau of Statistics and Records.

## Helen McCord Home From The Hospital

Helen McCord, Shavertown, returned much improved from University of Pennsylvania Hospital Monday afternoon. The operation for removal of goitre three weeks ago was highly successful, with vastly improved health expected. Miss McCord, rushed to Philadelphia in the Bronson ambulance for treatment, returned in one of the large cars driven by Alfred Bronson, accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Houser, RN, and Mrs. Charles Swingle. Mrs. Swingle will care for her cousin until she is able to be more active.

## Correction

Lawrence Curtis Delet-Kanic is the name of the son born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Delet-Kanic, of Franklin Street, Dallas, not Lyons, as erroneously printed in last week's issue of the Dallas Post. Apologies to little Larry.

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We said all of him—well almost all of him except the left hand which held The Dallas Post which he had just received at mail call.

Across the back of the picture Jerry had written "Here is your old boy after mail call. I got The Dallas Post." That was important news for us, but apparently not to the engraver who removed hand and Post when he made the cut.

Jerry is the son of Mrs. Eva Machell of Dallas.

Experts on things hirsute say that the average blonde may have 140,000 hairs in her head, the average brunette 108,000.

## Changes Made In Old Age Law

You May Earn \$1,200  
And Still Get Benefits

"If you are one of the more than 23,000 persons in Luzerne County receiving monthly old-age and survivors insurance payments, you need to know about the change in the law effective January 1, 1955, regarding the amount you can earn and still get social security payments," declares Christopher G. Boland, manager of the Wilkes-Barre district office of the Social Security Administration.

Boland stated that beginning January 1, 1955, you can earn as much as \$1,200 in a year and still accept your benefit check for each month of the year. If you earn more than \$1,200 in a year but not over \$2,080.00 from any type of work (whether or not covered by social security) benefits for some months of that year may still be payable. After you are 72 years of age, you may accept the benefit check for each month regardless of the amount of your earnings.

If you expect to earn more than \$1,200 in 1955, or in the taxable year beginning in 1955, you should notify the Social Security Administration. A post card form for sending in such notice was mailed to everyone now receiving benefits. Your benefits will be stopped while you are working and payments will start again when you have stopped working. If you are not sure whether you should make a report, or if you need more information, get in touch with your social security district office.

Boland pointed out that this new provision in the law is of distinct advantage to workers age 65 and to beneficiaries. Under the former provision in the law, a beneficiary under 75 lost benefits for any month in which he earned over \$75.00 under social security. Under the new law, the worker may earn any amount if he is 72. If the

beneficiary is under age 72, he may earn any amount in a month as long as his earnings do not total over \$1,200.00 for the year. If he earns over \$1,200.00 but not over \$2,080.00 in the year, some benefit is still payable to the beneficiary.

If there is a month in which the beneficiary does not earn over \$80.00 he may receive a benefit for that month no matter how much he earned during the year. In view of these new provisions, workers who are 65 should contact their social security office, especially if their earnings are low or there is a period of low earnings on account of illness or part-time employment.

## Kunkle Choir Makes Carol Tour Of Area

A large group of choir members from Kunkle Methodist Church, under direction of Howard Cosgrove, toured the area Monday night singing carols to shut-ins, friends, and elderly people. Entertained at the home of Mrs. Fred Dodson after the singing, were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Landon, Mr. and Mrs. Allen

Brace, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Elston, Mrs. Donald Ide, Howard Cosgrove.

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