

Greene Plastics Plant Updates

Sleepy Village of Canonchet

The village is called Canonchet, and it's part of the Township of Hopkinton, about two miles from Hope Valley, R.I. Although it looks like it's sleeping when you're driving through, something appears in the distance that instantly changes your mind. This is Greene Plastics Corporation, and the only thing ancient or sleepy about it is the foundation on which it rests — the old mill that was erected in around 1840 for the production of yarn to be made into twine.

Greene Plastics is in the very "modern" business of molding plastic parts — primarily for decorative applications. Under the direction of Bill White, its energetic and able young President, the company has constantly expanded its facilities since the move to Canonchet Road from Wakefield in 1957. A continual growth pattern has necessitated such expansion, and the firm is always in need of good employees. Bill and Gid Allen, his Plant Manager, report that they won't stick to the employee rules found in the remains of the old Mill:

Rules for Employees — 1872

1) Employees each day will

fill lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks. Wash windows once a week.

2) Each employee will bring in a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's business.

3) Men employees will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go regularly to church.

4) After 13 hours of labor the employees should spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.

5) Each employee should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.

6) Any employee who smokes Spanish cigars, uses liquor in any form, or frequents pool or public halls or gets shaved in a barbershop, will give good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity and honesty.

7) The employee who has performed his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of five cents per day in his pay, providing profits from business will permit it.