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THE WEATHER • Dry August and warm/Doth the harvest no harm.
—Thomas Tusser

August
Birthstone: **Sardonyx**

Flowers
of the Month: **Poppy, Gladiolus**

It Was Named For Augustus

The eighth month as we have it on our calendar owes its name to a Roman emperor and its present length of 31 days to the political action of that ancient empire's Senate.

Augustus, who followed the assassinated Julius Caesar as ruler, named the month of August after himself to commemorate several of his personal triumphs.

Before this, it had been called Sextilis, meaning sixth and denoting its position on the ca-

endar. Because July had been named in honor of Julius Caesar, the Roman Senate decided it would please the new emperor to give August 31 days just like July. A day had been borrowed from February and added to July, so they did the same for August. That accounts for February's present 28 (or 29 leap-year) days.

August has no major U.S. Holidays, but several historical anniversaries fall within its days. It is the birthmonth of Presidents Benjamin Harrison and Herbert Hoover.

Robert Smith Paid \$60 For Jig Idea

Largest single award for an approved idea in recent months went to Robert Smith of the shop, who contributed details of a jig which in one operation forms, cuts and bevels ends of stop-motion bars on cable twist-ers. Payment was \$60.

Also approved during the April-June period were 40 more suggestions in areas of product refinement, safety, quality, convenience and efficiency,

waste control, and better working conditions.

Earning awards for these ideas were Buford Tate, L. C. Hartgrove, C. W. Donaldson Jr., Roy Chastain, Robert Lawrence, J. F. Lancaster, Gene Carson, C. K. Cauthen, Cramer McDaniel, Paul Chastain, Maxie Cary, McBrie Sanders.

Also Jesse Liles, Horace Hughes, Dealva Jacobs, Rosie Francum, Willard Stiles, Furlan Pearson, B. J. Bumgardner, Elton Still, Buddy Beaver, Grace Christopher, Roy Bolynn, Frank Ray, P. O. Cloninger and Frank Jolly.

Company Lake Charles Facility Under Extensive Modernization

An extensive modernization of the Firestone Synthetic Rubber & Latex Company facility is underway at Lake Charles, La. The program, costing several million dollars, will provide facilities which can supply Firestone customers stereo synthetic rubbers, demand for which is increasing.

They are called stereos be-

cause of the regular or stereotyped pattern of their molecules, contrasted to the molecular arrangement of earlier rubber types.

Production will be centered on Diene, Firestone's polybutadiene rubber, because of the outstanding qualities it lends when blended with other synthetic rubber and natural rubber.



Optimist Club LL Team

Firestone's team in the Harold Mercer Little Tar Heel League won 8 of the 15 games played during the season just ended. The Optimist Club of Firestone was team sponsor. Marcus Dobbins of weaving (synthetics) and James Heffner were coaches.

Front row (from left): Steve Dobbins, Randy Gillespie, Ronnie Parks, Terry Black, Dean

Turner, David Cripp, Butch Smith, David Hedgepeth. Second row: Coach Heffner, Colin Smith, Ricky Poole, Mike Lineberger, Rick Rumpfelt, Frank Wallace, Kenny Givens and Coach Dobbins. Members not in picture: Jerry Fortner, Ronnie Whitaker, David Lane, Steve Medlin, Mike Martin, Bobby McKee, Mike Wise.

Steve Dobbins was awarded a trophy for his batting average of .488. A trophy went to Randy Gillespie for sportsmanship and one to Dean Turner for outstanding player.

Escape Route Can Save Your Life

Acting now can mean that 4,000 persons in this country can be saved from death by fire in their own homes within the next 12 months. This is the number of lives lost each year in dwelling fires because people are unprepared for fire emergency, says the National Fire Protection Association.

"Essential to preparedness are quick and safe routes of escape from every room in the house," says the NFPA, and adds:

- Fire deaths in homes are a major problem and one which to a great extent must be solved by householders themselves.

- A big majority of the 6,550 people killed in dwelling fires in this country last year could have been saved if people had had some understanding of common fire hazards and had planned what to do in case of emergency.

- Just so much fire protection can be 'engineered' into the

house itself. People who live in the houses must do the rest, by cleaning up fire hazards and developing fire-safe habits.

- Public education in fire safety, carried on principally by fire departments, is making great contribution in alerting people to correctible fire hazards. An urgent need is expansion of programs on the local and state levels to teach children simple rules of fire safety. Redouble efforts to reach children, for youngsters are interested and responsive.

A Summertime Doffer Won NP Scholarship

Take a lesson from Randall Ray Lovingood on setting a goal, and determination to attain it. The 18-year-old honor graduate of Hunter Huss High School and a summer-season doffer at

Firestone, recently received a \$500 scholarship as prize for The Gastonia Gazette's "Carrier of the Year."

Competition for the "Carrier" honor is keen, standards high and exacting. Randall's scholarship will open the door to the mechanical engineering and industrial advancement program at Gaston Technical Institute this fall.

TO GTI he will take his record of 93.5 scholastic average in high school, later transfer to NC State University to continue study in mechanical engineering.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Lovingood (his father is supervisor in mechanical services), Randall was among the five area students who this year received the Certificate of Merit in Firestone's College Scholarship competition.

He has been carrying the Gazette for five years, beginning with a 114-customer route and with the help of his 14-year-old brother Ricky, expanding the business to two routes with some 228 customers in West Gastonia.

This summer Ricky is on an extended visit to Murphy, so Randall is handling all the paper business. And as if he didn't have enough to do, Randall works a full shift here. Home after 7 a.m., he sleeps to noon, then spends several hours in the afternoon delivering papers. His earnings go into a savings account for his college expenses.

Randall had a perfect-attendance record in all 12 years of school thus far. Finishing with an A average, he was a member of the Beta Club, Future Teachers of America, and Foreign Language Club.

A member of the Revival Center, he is president of his Sunday School class.

If and when Randall has any spare time in his schedule, he'll busy himself at his woodworking hobby in the well-equipped shop he and his father have at home, 1707 Pope Avenue.

PROGRESSIVE SYMPTOMS OF ALCOHOLISM

PRE-ALCOHOLIC SYMPTOMS

- GROSS DRINKING BEHAVIOR
- BLACKOUTS
- GULPING AND SNEAKING DRINKS

EARLY STAGES ALCOHOLISM

- LOSS OF CONTROL
- CAN STOP ANYTIME - ANYWHERE
- ONE MORE WON'T HURT!
- ALIBI SYSTEM
- DRINKING ALONE
- ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR
- CHANGING THE PATTERN
- I KIN LICK ANYONE!
- YOU'RE FIRED!
- HOSPITALIZATION
- LOSS OF FRIENDS AND JOBS

LATER STAGES ALCOHOLISM

- UNREASONABLE RESENTMENTS
- TREMORS
- PROTECTING SUPPLY
- COLLAPSE OF ALIBI SYSTEM
- BENDERS
- NUMEROUS FEARS - ANXIETIES

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