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Firestone NEWS

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LOOKING
AROUND

From

Camp Firestone

Polished

Bowl;

Plucked

Dulcimer



The 30th annual season at Camp Firestone on Lake James continues into early October, when the highland country parades in her colorful autumn dress.

Firestone employees and members of their families enjoy variety recreation-relaxation at the company's retreat at Bridgewater in a mountain setting renowned for its scenic beauty and native lore.

People relaxing and playing at the camp often take side trips to interest points in the famed Southern Blue Ridge Playground. Handicrafts are a favorite folk art. In these Firestone News photos . . .

• A woodcarver from Brasstown near Murphy shows a visitor the art of creating a bowl with mall and chisel. The John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown is well known for its instruction in woodcarving.

• A Cherokee Indian, herself a basket-weaver and bead designer, admires the workmanship and tests the sweet sound of a dulcimer, hand-fashioned by one of her highland neighbors of Scotch-Irish descent. The ancient 3-string dulcimer, associated with Southern Appalachian pioneer days, has been revived as a folk instrument.



Kansas Family On Plant Visit

A Kansas family included a tour of Firestone Textiles on its somewhat unusual vacation trip East last month. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kaufman with children Vicky, Cindy, Mitchell and Bradley, had traveled by plane to High Point where they boarded a school bus and headed for Moundridge, Kan., and home.

The vehicle, ordered by the Canton, Kan., city school system, had its body assembled at a factory near Thomasville. So the Kaufmans were able to turn the bus-delivery trip into a vacation pleasure.

Kaufman is superintendent of the Canton schools. The family decided to stop along and see things of interest on their westward way. At Firestone, it was the first time they'd seen textile manufacturing.

Firestone Store For Dixie Village

October 1 is scheduled opening date for the new Firestone Home and Auto Supply Store in Gastonia's Dixie Village Shopping Center. Company district store manager Perry Rose says the new unit will contain 10,000 square feet with sales area of 3,000 feet.

ing; replacement of mufflers, tailpipes and shock absorbers; and complete engine tune-ups.

All service personnel will have complete training by the time the store opens.

Paul N. Faulkenberry, who moved to Gastonia from Greensboro, will be the Firestone dealer in the new store. The modern sales-service facility on the Kings Mountain highway is part of the overall plan to make Dixie Village a regional shopping center offering complete lines of merchandise and services.

G. A. Perry: 45 Years In Textiles

"You've earned your trip through that retirement gate," went the last line of a poem by Doris Corella of main office, as she joined in tribute to G. A. Perry at a recent luncheon honoring the weaving (synthetics) department manager on his last day of Firestone employment.

Earlier that day, Mr. Perry's associates on the job had "wished him well" at a brief party, then another group met with him at the recreation-center luncheon. Replying to the many tributes paid him, Perry summarized by saying, "Of all my 45 years in textiles, Firestone and the people with whom I've worked here have been the best of all."

When he came here in early 1955, he already had 34 years experience in textiles, transferring here as a shift supervisor

UF Campaign In October

ONE GIFT HELPS 28 AGENCIES

You put hands and feet to the dollars you give to the Gastonia United Fund, and make them work miracles you'd never be able to do any other way. The miracles will be wrought through 28 local, state and national services for health, welfare, recreation and character-building.

"The United Way is you and your neighbors working together to raise funds, budget and coordinate the health, welfare and recreation services of our community," said P. R. Williams Jr., who is co-chairman of the Firestone in-plant solicitation this year with J. G. Tino Jr.

"It is in the American tradition of neighbors getting together to help each other, combining activities so everyone is benefitted and in the most efficient way," said Mr. Tino.

The campaign Oct. 5-Nov. 5 is set on a goal of \$248,556. In keeping with the record of the past, Firestone Textiles people are being looked to as pacesetters in the financial effort this year.

Last year the total contribution here was \$23,425—largest gift from a single source.

Firestone production manager F. B. Galligan, as first vice president of the Greater Gastonia United Fund, points out that the campaign method is once more the effective person-to-person approach to every potential contributor at his place of employment.

At Firestone, it is the only in-plant general solicitation during the year.

For receiving UF pledges here to be paid through payroll deduction, chairmen Tino and Williams will be assisted by several dozen volunteer workers.

In the community-wide campaign some members of Firestone management will work in key positions. Alvin Riley, manager of industrial relations, is a campaign vice chairman in charge of the industrial division which has the largest section of the campaign in terms of money.

Ralph Johnson, manager of employee relations, is co-chairman of another industrial division.

Mr. Galligan is in charge of pilot campaigns among selected firms which receive employee donations in advance of the regular solicitations.

A number of other Firestone people and family members will volunteer their services in the community UF campaign. Still others will work in their own hometown UF programs outside the Greater Gastonia area.

New Classes Going At NCVT School

New students were accepted Sept. 1 in the five regular courses offered at North Carolina Vocational Textile School, Belmont. Courses are yarn manufacturing, weaving and designing, tailoring, knitting, and mill maintenance.

Although regular courses begin at scheduled intervals, the school will admit new students after the classes are underway. For information about NCV Textile School and its courses of study, inquire at the plant industrial relations office, or at the school office, open Monday-Friday 8:20 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



GOOD WISHES in the "richer years" were expressed by Carl Rape (left) for retiring G. A. Perry, who turned over to Rape the weaving department manager job.

from a Firestone operation then at Roanoke, Va. He had been an engineering foreman in the rayon weaving department there.

A native of Independence, Va., his career in textiles began in 1920 with the first job at nearby Fieldale. He worked and also

studied at a textile school before leaving Fieldale in 1934 to take a job with a Kannapolis, N. C. plant. He was there five years.

He then went to Roanoke to help set up operations in the

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