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OLDTIMER enough to recognize this? Steam-powered harvesting demonstrations are annual affairs at Bonner Springs.

What's going at Bonner Springs?

• Want to "feel" the rustic inventiveness of America's past — rooted deep in the land? Journey to Bonner Springs, Kansas, and visit the Agricultural Hall of Fame and National Center.

It is an acknowledgement of yesterday, recognition of today and a preview of tomorrow. It has become a year-round vacation goal of people throughout the U.S. and from many other countries. • Story on page 3.

Your Records Up-To-Date?

Any time of the year is a good time to check the company office records to see if things are in order under your name. Mrs. Eula Wilson, payroll supervisor, suggests that you occasionally review these especially:

• Is address on your record in the plant office the correct one?

• Have you had any changes which need to be noted on the record, such as number of dependents shown on your income tax records? Have you changed your name through marriage, or otherwise?

For keeping records up to date, go by payroll office during first and second work shifts, or to first-aid during third shift.



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NEWS

GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

28 IMC Courses Completed

Certificates for completed courses in the Industrial Management Club's adult education program were presented to 28 Firestone men in July.

The IMC courses in evening sessions at Gaston Community College included the subjects: Personnel Management, Human Relations, Education Through Visitation, Speed-Reading, and Metallurgy.

SEVERAL of the group had one or more courses to their credit before the July presentation of certificates. Each one in the group received a certificate for one course finished, except Carl Smith, who earned two.

Twisting (tire cord) led the group, with 14 men completing courses from that department:

Jack Hall, J. A. Haney, Junior Lancaster, William Massey, Miles Michaels, James Smith, Elvin Galloway, Morris Derryberry, Guy Crain, Harold Burgess, B. J. Bumgardner, Joe Brooks, Zed Bradley, Windom Jones. Others, with their departments:

Weaving-TC: Clyde Phillips, James Saylor, Carl Smith, Roy Emmett, Fred Hardee.

Quality Control: Bill Calhoun, O'Neil Gamble. Industrial Relations: Lennell Keenum, Elmer Passmore.

Chafer Weaving: Terry Kirby. Cloth Room: Larry Sanders. Shop: George Clemmer. Warehouse: C. K. Cauthen.

The 28 men who completed the IMC courses represent production, services, and supervisory personnel.

Out front of all the others. That's the mark Firestone Bennettsville people achieved in the suggestion program for the entire Firestone operation in the U.S. and abroad for the first half of this year.

Bennettsville ranked at the top on a scale rating the number of suggestions received and adopted per 1,000 persons employed.

The South Carolina textile facility's ratio of participation was 649 ideas submitted per 1,000 workers, and 114 suggestions adopted per 1,000 turned in.

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Pleased Visitors

We certainly want to thank you for your hospitality in arranging for us to see your plant. I must say that it was one of the better tours we have had. We must thank you also for arranging the other tours for us. You certainly made our stay in Gastonia a pleasant one.

Mr/s Stanford Lunstrum
Arden, N. C. 28704 July 1, 1969

Note: This letter was addressed to Alvin V. Riley, manager of industrial relations of the Gastonia Firestone plant. Mr. Lunstrum is employed in the U.S. Forestry Service. He and his family visited the plant here in June. "Other tours" referred to in the letter were with other plants, giving the Arden visitors a diversified picture of Gaston industries.

Summer Career 'Graduates'

"Having time to do some of the things I've always wanted to do," said Lloyd Lewis. He spoke for several others who joined him in retirement from long work careers at Firestone, Gastonia, since early summer.

Lewis marked his 30th service anniversary within a month of his retirement. For a number of years in plant protection service, he more recently had worked in quality control.

In terms of service length, William P. Reeves of carding led the roster of those retiring here from early summer through July. He had 33 years.

Claude Taylor, shift foreman in twisting-TC, had 32 years for his record.

Verdie Smith concluded her career with 32 years of service. She worked in preparation.

Rosie Parson of twisting-TC finished with 25 years; and Roy Hutchins of the same department had 20 years. Also with 20 years was Will Howard of chafer weaving.

John E. Shaw, warehouse, retired with 9 years of service.

GO SAFER Enjoy More

The family car is classified as a passenger automobile, but a lot of people attempt to make a moving van out of it.

Vacationing families often try to squeeze as many goods as possible into, on top of, or behind the car, without regard to dangers involved.

For one thing, overloading the tires invites trouble.

The auto brake size of course remains the same, but the increased weight makes the vehicle more difficult to stop. Power to accelerate is also reduced, and the vehicle is more apt to fish-tail around curves.

Also, things packed within the vehicle can restrict vision. Of all this, the main point is...

Travel light and stop often to rest. Go safer and enjoy it more.



SWING HIGH

• Kay Hollingsworth headed for the swing and made a glint in the sun, drying her hair after

a dip in the wading pool at Firestone Playground. Kay's stepfather, James Sharpe, works in weaving-TC. The play facility,

owned by the company and operated in summer by Gastonia Parks & Recreation Department, closes its season Aug. 15.