

From left: Sal Costanza, Personnel manager; Capt. Barney Maulder, captain of plant guards; Michael Wheat, Burns Security; Larry Jones, Employment interviewer/counselor.

Capt. Maulder commended

Burns Security branch manager Michael Wheat recently presented Capt. Barney Maulder a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond in recognition of his exceptional duty and dedication as a guard for Burns Security. Capt. Maulder has been with Burns since February 16, 1969.

"We at Bowling Green Firestone Textiles join with Burns Security in expressing thanks to Capt. Maulder for



his continuing service as a guard at our plant," said Larry Jones, Employment interviewer/counselor.

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Some Events in South Carolina ● February 22-24, Boat and Sports Show in Greenville Textile Hall; 23-24, 34th annual Camellia Show, Beaufort; Charleston's Cypress Gardens open to public now until May 1. March 5-8, AIAW Basketball Tournament, Carolina Coliseum in Columbia; 13-16, Southern Home and Garden Show, Greenville Memorial Auditorium; 15-23, Canadian/American Days, Myrtle Beach (special events—parade, plantation tours, fishing tournament, beach games.)

● Robert Nichols Jr., was telling R. E. Burleson about plans for life in retirement. Burleson himself will "hang it up" from his job in TC Twisting this year.

Said Nichols, "I'll relax-up a while, first-off. Then I'll get in more time than I've ever had before—fishing. Down on Santee-Cooper especially. Brim's my favorite kind to catch."

Nichols, a yarn checked in TC Twisting-Gastonia, spent 36 years, 5 months and 19 days with Firestone Textiles. His retirement dates from January 31.

Some Things Going On in N. C. ● February 21-23, Winterfest Arts/Crafts at Asheville Shopping Mall; 21-23, Winter Festival of Arts/Crafts, Northgate Mall in Durham; 22-24, Southeastern Art Show, Convention Center, Winston-Salem; 22-24, Car/Van/Cycle Show, Civic Center, Charlotte; 23-March 2, Southern Living Show, Charlotte Merchandise Mart.

March 2, Carolina 500 Stockcar Race, Rockingham Speedway; 4-9, Ringling, Barnum and Bailey Circus at Raleigh State Fairgrounds; 13-16, Leisure Living—Home/Garden/Crafts, Greensboro Coliseum; 14-15, Fiddlers Convention, Rock Springs School at Denver; 14-16, Gems/Minerals Show, Hickory Guard Armory.

Retired



Tracing family sources

To the mid-1600s and still going back into history. Tracing his family's roots is a great hobby—and more—for Sherman L. Peger. He, a section supervisor in Cable Twisting, has been employed at Firestone-Bowling Green since May, 1977.

"FROM my experience, one of the best ways to start in tracing family lineage is to go to elderly relatives and others for 'living history', and to records collections in courthouses and to the Census Bureau," says Sherman. He adds that the Mormon Church archives is a

real good source for family research. It's one of the most extensive and well-kept collections. Military records, too, are a good source of information. And Sherman has found old graveyards an excellent 'hunting place' in his ancestry research.

He asks of anyone reading this: Do you have any information you'd share with me on the Merediths (from Wales) and Vincents (from France), Carrolls (from Ireland) or Van Meters (from Holland)? Send to Sherman Peger, Star Route 42168, Brownsville, Kentucky 42210.

\$2,000 to Gaston Day School

A \$2,000 Firestone contribution went to Gaston Day School of Gastonia early this year. The grant was made under the company's Aid-to-Education program which includes scholarship and fellowship awards, cost-of-education supplements, special program and direct grants to private institutions and associations of independent, non-tax-supported colleges.

Nationwide during 1979, some 568 educational institutions benefitted from the company's matching-gifts policy. Under this program, Firestone matches employee donations of \$25 minimum and up to \$1,000 to tax-supported colleges or universities and up to \$3,000 to colleges, universities and private secondary schools not supported by tax moneys.

Going toward 105

A retired carpenter who helped build several of the houses on Firestone Mill village, Gastonia, is heading toward his 105th birth anniversary.

Charlie Skidmore marked #104 "here below" last August. He lives at Bryson City, N. C.

As a carpenter with Loray Mills, Skidmore was on a construction crew that erected quite a few village dwellings which

Firestone got with the purchase deal of the plant facilities in 1935. All were sold later; some of the houses now belong to employee/retiree families.

Skidmore has kin connection at Firestone. His grandson, Melvin Boone, is a twister operator in TC Twisting, and Melvin's wife Nancy is a Quality Control reroll-table operator. Joyce Boone, Melvin's sister-in-law, is a respooper operator in TC Twisting.

IRS: Use the label—and save

The already-addressed, peel-off label you receive attached to your Federal tax forms has big advantages this year, says the Internal Revenue Service. To use it saves the government money and it speeds up any refund due the taxpayer.

Savings are realized in faster processing because the label has certain information that would not be furnished if a taxpayer

wrote in his/her name, address and Social Security number.

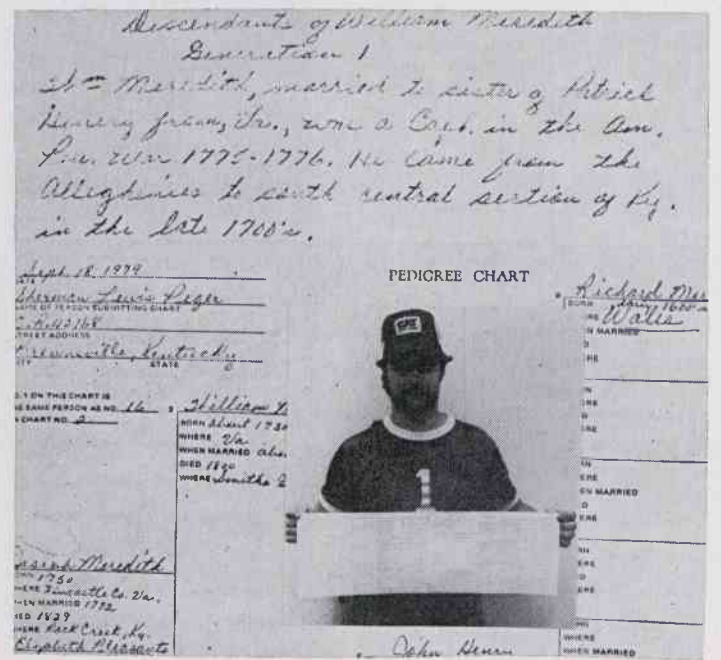
When the label is not used and the taxpayer writes in information that is hard to read, processing the return is slowed down, causing any refund due to be delayed up to 6 weeks.

Using the label won't trigger an audit of your return, says IRS. A different method selects returns for audit.

"State Park Programs," a pamphlet describing special events at South Carolina state parks from January through June, is available for public distribution. Programs during the first half of 1980 are mid-winter bird counts, a physical-fitness weekend, a log cabin workshop,

canoe trip, wildflower weekends, trout seminar, square-dancing and clogging, crafts show, and other events.

For a free copy of "State Park Programs" write Program Section, Division State Parks, R & T, 1205 Pendleton St., Columbia, S. C. 29201.



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Your influence counts - - use it

● Ask questions. Be concerned. Vote, get involved! Your influence counts—use it! Some points that Charles Hagel made, speaking in Gaston County, January 30. The company's director of government affairs in Washington, D. C., talked of the second half of the 96th Congress and things of interest to the business world, and of citizen/corporate involvement in government affairs.

People of the Gastonia plant Personnel/Industrial Relations departments arranged appearances for Hagel at Ashbrook and Hunter Huss high schools, Belmont Rotary meeting at Sacred Heart College, and newspaper and radio interviews.

● An act of Congress on February 9, 1870 established the U. S. Weather Bureau under the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army.

February 1 is the Feast of St. Bridget (or Brigid), Irish saint who died February 1, A.D. 525.

Some Kentucky Events ● Month of February, works of Charles Harper exhibit at Museum of Natural History and Science, Louisville, February 15-17, Valentine Sweetheart Weekend at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, Jamestown; 22-24, Eagle Weekend at Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Cadiz; 22-24, Rod & Custom Car Show, Ky. Fair Expo Center, Louisville; 20-24, Antiques Show at Florence Mall, Covington. March 1-April 21, Horseracing at Louisville Downs.