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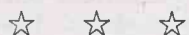
From Bowling Green to Gastonia



Clifton O. Logsdon joined the Personnel department at Firestone-Gastonia, November 1, as labor relations assistant. He transferred from the textiles division's Bowling Green (Ky.) plant, where he had worked since February 1970.

In the Personnel department at Bowling Green, Logsdon was employment interviewer/counselor and last, supervisor of training and employee relations. At Gastonia, he works with S. E. Crawford, labor relations representative.

●● Lead carpenter Arthur N. McCarter (left) and groundskeeper Ronnie J. Smith, at Firestone-Gastonia in October put down ryegrass, fescue and fertilizer. Over the winter season they'll 'take hold' toward a good lawn, come Spring.



Logsdon is from Horse Cave, Ky. He spent four years in photographic service of the U. S. Air Force. At Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, he earned a B. A. degree in history/psychology, and the M.A. degree in counselor education at WKU.

His wife April is a registered nurse, with an associate degree from WKU. The Logsdons have two daughters—Jennifer, 5 and Pamela, 4; and sons—Tim, 11 and Todd, 10 months.

A bad workman quarrels with his tools.—English proverb



before winter

\$3.5 million Savings

A record \$367,595 went to Firestone employees for suggestions they submitted during the first nine months of fiscal 1979-80. The ideas from people at the company's plants and other installations are resulting in annual savings of more than \$3.5 million.

U. S. and Canadian plants reported the largest savings from suggestions in the history of the program. Turn-in rate on ideas

for the last quarter of the year had not been compiled when this was written (in October—fiscal year ended 31st.)

Money saved through adopted employee suggestions in the first three quarters of the fiscal year that closed October 31, far surpassed the total of any nine-month period before that. Too, the savings exceeded the largest saving ever achieved before in a whole year.

In the period July 31, 1979-July 31, 1980 there were 28,780 approved suggestions.

Students and NC Textile Week

●● Students of Clay Street and Chapel Grove elementary schools visited the Firestone Gastonia plant during North Carolina Textile Week, ending October 5. Their letters and posters expressing appreciation for the guided tours were displayed later in the month in the mill tower entrance.

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Right photo: Tour day at Firestone; and (below), three of the Chapel Grove school exhibits. John Beavers with his large Firestone Mill poster; students from Firestone families (center) with a collection of artwork and textile materials. From left: Roger Edwards, whose grandmother, Mary Ethel Edwards, is a rewinder operator in TC Twisting; Michelle Sanders—her grandmother, Gertrude Sanders, is a reclaimer in TC Twisting, and grandfather, Maford, is retired from Supply; Ann Huit, whose father, Perry Huit, is a Utex bobbin changer in TC Twisting. A student-made quilt and display of yarns and other materials was a project of Fourth Grade. The other two here were projects of Sixth Grade.

