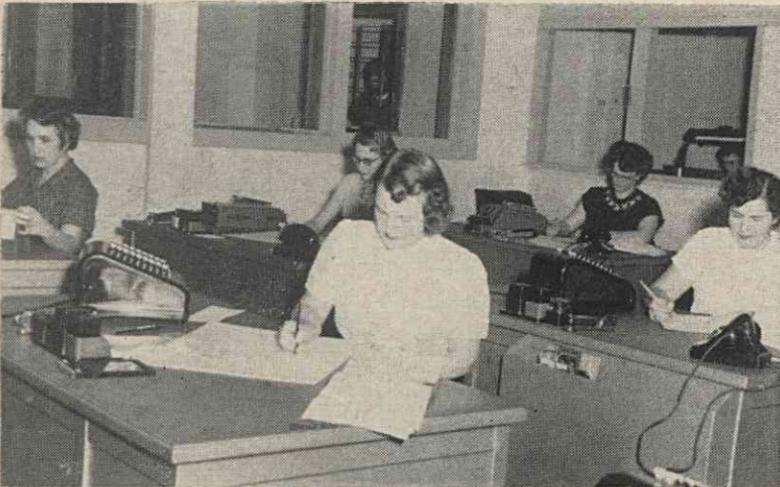


**More Main Office Pictures**



THE MAIN OFFICE from the front. Completely overshadowing it in size is the five-story plant behind.



THE PAYROLL DEPARTMENT does the important job of figuring the pay for each pay envelope, then they make sure it reaches the intended employee on time. Above is shown a portion of that department, and several of its personnel at work.



GENERAL MANAGER HAROLD MERCER'S new office, like all the other offices in the new addition was built and decorated by Firestone's own carpenters and painters, etc.

**United Forces**

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A combination of circumstances has placed North Carolina in an alarming position in public school education. A part of UFE's job is to inform the public of what is generally conceded to be a most pressing problem for the citizens of North Carolina.

Statistically, North Carolina ranked 39th among the states in current expenditures per child. North Carolina spent \$154.00 per child; whereas the National average was \$213.00. Other facts that point up the urgency of the problem are:

(a) In 1951 colleges graduated only 447 students prepared to teach in elementary schools. 1213 elementary teachers are needed to fill school vacancies in North Carolina.

(b) There are 2462 teachers with certificates lower than "A" now teaching in elementary schools in our state.

(c) If the present birth rate continues in our state, school officials estimate that within ten years up to 10,000 new teachers will be required in North Carolina.

(d) At least 60,000 North Carolina school children are sufficiently handicapped to need the services of specially trained teachers. Only 102 such teachers are now employed.

(e) There is a nation-wide extreme shortage of elementary teachers. Other states are adjusting wage scales upward to retain their teachers. North Carolina must make adjustments or lose its teachers to other states.

(f) Twenty-nine (29) states pay higher average salaries to teachers than does North Carolina.

(g) More than \$81,000,000 has been spent for new school buildings since 1949 but schools in many localities are greatly crowded and many new buildings are needed.

(h) North Carolina crams more children into its classrooms than almost any other state in the U. S. Many classrooms have above forty (40) pupils in a single room.

(i) During the year 1949-1950—43,991 children dropped out of school and 67,700 were not promoted.

Fred L. Smyre, President of Smyre Mills, is Chairman of the United Forces for Education in Gaston County. He is soliciting the assistance of all citizens for the purpose of promoting the cause of public education in Gaston County. He is anxious to develop a sound program in support of public education.

The open public meeting at Gastonia High School on November 6th will be an informative and stimulating experience for all those interested in our local schools. Please be sure to attend.

**Schedules**

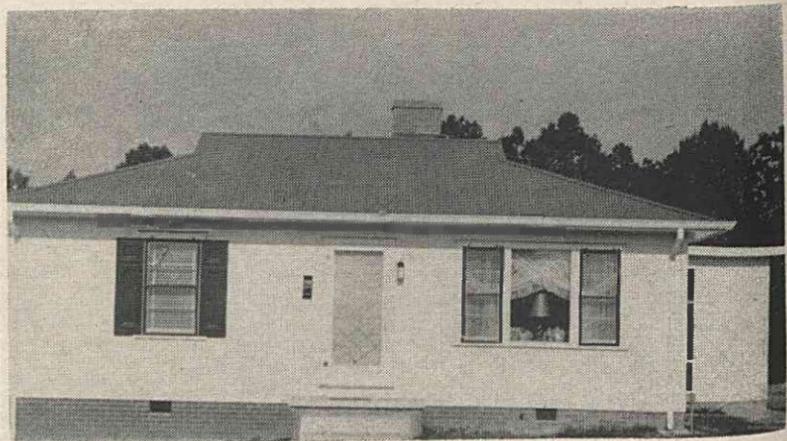
**First Shift Billiards**

Mon., Nov. 10, Weaving-Shop vs General  
 Tues., Nov. 11, Twisting vs Spinning  
 Mon., Nov. 17, Twisting vs General  
 Tues., Nov. 18, Spinning vs Weaving-Shop  
 (All games at 7:00 P. M.)

Mon., Nov. 10, Twisting vs Spinning  
 Wed., Nov. 12, Weaving-Shop vs General  
 Mon., Nov. 17, Spinning vs Weaving  
 Wed., Nov. 19, Twisting vs Carding

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**New Employee Home**



EMORY McDANIEL, twister fixer, is the owner of this new Westwood Circle home. The home is finished outside with asbestos shingles; inside it has hardwood floors and is heated with an oil floor furnace. Mr. McDaniel reports that he and his wife, a nurse at Memorial Hospital, worked out the plans for the interior to suit themselves. They believe they have one of the most efficient homes that can be built.

**Jet Engine Parts For Air Force**



THESE hot parts for Air Force jet engines resemble the milk cans they have displaced on the production line of the Firestone Steel Products Company in Akron, Ohio. Output of milk and syrup cans and beer barrels has been halted so high priority steel and strategic heat-resistant alloys can be used by Firestone for jet engine combustion chambers, turbine casings, exhaust cone, and support assemblies and transition liners. During World War II, Firestone converted its steel fabricating facilities to the manufacture of shatter-proof oxygen cylinders for aircraft. In peacetime years, the Company was the world's largest producer of stainless steel beverage containers. In the above picture, Mary Wronkovich (left) is spot welding, and Madeline Rogers is seam welding the outer combustion chamber of the J-47 jet engine.

**Voice Of Firestone**

<b>November 10 — Gladys Swarthout</b>		
Armistice Day Medley		Orchestra & Chorus
a. Caissons Go Rolling Along	Gruber	
b. Anchors Aweigh	Zimmerman	
c. Semper Paratus	Van Boskerch	
d. U. S. Airforce	Robert Crawford	
e. Marines' Hymn	L. Z. Phillips	
Through the Years	Youmans	Swarthout
Do You Recall	Idabelle Firestone	Orchestra
Oscar Shumsky—Violin		
Frank Miller—Cello		
Connais Tu Le Pays, from "Mignon"	Thomas Seaver	Swarthout
Just For Today	Smetana	Swarthout & Chorus
Dance of the Comedians from "Bartered Bride"		Orchestra
Dancing in the Dark	Schwartz	Swarthout & Chorus
<b>November 17 — Lauritz Melchior</b>		
Little Girls Goodbye	Jacobi-Kreisler	Orchestra & Chorus
Serenade, from "Student Prince"	Romberg	Melchior & Chorus
Maleguena	Lecuona	Orchestra
Prize Song from "Die Meistersinger"	Wagner	Melchior
The Two Grenadiers	Schumann	Melchior
Wedding March from "Midsummer Night's Dream"	Mendelssohn	Orchestra
The Song is You	Kern	Melchior & Chorus

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