

NEWS IN BRIEF

SPOOLING

Kermit Taylor, yarn man, spent a few days recently in Murphy, N. C., visiting friends and relatives. Glenn Jones, Jr., son-in-law of Mrs. Brannon Cox, tailing hand, left recently for the Army.

Cpl. Fred Walker, Jr., brother of Thomas Walker, sweeper, is home on a furlough. Fred has been in Korea for the past year and he is to report to the base at Mississippi when his leave is up.

Mrs. Gertrude Hampton, warper tender, Mrs. Lily Spencer, spooler tender, and Lottie Mae Robinson, winder hand, are on the sick list. Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to them.

The employees of the Spooling Department welcome Ralph Williams, sweeper, and Roy Palmer, yarn man, to this department.

Mrs. Virginia Eaker, spooler tender, had as guests recently, Mrs. Aline Dodgen and family.

Junior Hart, creeler, was called to Ferguson, N. C., where his father-in-law is seriously ill. Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to him.

Mrs. Mildred Smith, warper helper, and Hazel Newton, warper tender, have returned to work after being out with flu.

Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Johnny Reed, son of Mrs. Maggie Reed, spooler tender.

Hazel Owens, winder tender, has returned to work after a seven months' leave of absence.

Robert Thompson, sweeper, is taking a week's vacation in Copper Hill, Tenn. He wants to get in some hunting while there.

TWISTING

Mrs. Hazel Clark, tie-in-hand, and Walter R. Polston, twister tender, have returned to work after several days' absence because of flu.

Miss Wanda Dockery, daughter of Mrs. Bonnie Dockery, reclamer, has been sick recently with flu.

W. A. Southard, father of Mrs. Stella Connor, respooler, is recovering nicely from an operation he had recently.

Pfc. Jimmie Crisp, brother of Wayne Crisp, doffer, recently spent a 30-day furlough at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Crisp. Jimmie has been in Germany for one year and will return to Germany for another 10 months. He, also, was a former employee of Firestone Textiles before entering the service.

Pledge Savage, twister tender, has returned to work after a week's vacation. Mr. Savage killed hogs while on vacation and has plenty of hog meat and turkeys in his freezer locker.

Charles Hart, beamer tender, left January 19 to enter the United States Army.

Pfc. Edward Tart, Jr., son of Edward Tart, Sr., twister tender, and Mrs. Marie Tart, respooler, has returned to Camp in Oakland, Calif., after spending a 15-day furlough at home.

The employees of the Twisting Department welcome Dewitt Smith, Fred Hollowag, Junior Jones, and Marion Hughes to this department.

Twister Tender Bart Allen and Mrs. Allen had as dinner guests

Sunday, January 11, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor of Dallas.

WEAVING

Mrs. Ruby Spencer, smash hand, along with her daughters, visited her husband, Bernette Spencer in Great Falls, S. C., Sunday, January 18.

George Honeycutt, fixer, and Mrs. Essie Honeycutt, battery hand, visited in Valdese, N. C., the week end of January 17. Mrs. Honeycutt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Costner, returned home with them.

Mrs. Eva Henson, quiller tender, is on the sick list. Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to her.

Cpl. J. Kenneth Powers, son of Paul Powers, weaver, and Mrs. Powers, battery hand, is spending a few days' furlough at home before leaving for overseas duty in Korea. He has been stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Pfc. John F. Ferguson is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. Lucille Davis, change hand. He is just back from 21 months duty in Korea.

Mrs. Aliene Nelson, smash hand, spent December 4 in Charlotte.

Mrs. Lillie Crain, weaver, her husband and daughter spent the holidays in Danville, Va.

Mrs. Risbeth Webb, battery hand, and husband visited their son Dan, in Rock Hill, S. C., during the holidays. The Dan Webbs are the proud parents of a baby girl born December 14.

Mr. J. C. Milton of Greenville, S. C. spent the holidays with his sister, Miss Nina Milton, draw-in-hand.

Mrs. Evelyn Barrett, change hand, and husband spent the holidays with the former's mother in Western North Carolina.

Mrs. Ellen Posey, battery hand, had as her guests on Sunday, January 4, her brother, Paul Ballew, and family of Michigan City, Ind.

Don Carpenter, son of R. G. Carpenter, loom fixer, is home on furlough. Don is a former employee of Firestone and has been in Korea five months.

Mrs. Jimmy Blanton has returned to Pensacola, Fla., after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Earline Gordon, weaver.

Miss Glenna Hamrick, daughter of Mrs. Earline Gordon is a patient at the Garrison General Hospital.

Purvis T. Cloninger, weaver, visited his daughter in Washington, D. C., during the holidays.

SHOP

Assistant Plant Engineer H. A. Cauthen and Mrs. Cauthen spent a week's vacation in the central part of Florida. They visited in Silver Springs, Orlando, and a few other cities.

Painter Roy Chastain and Mrs. Chastain moved recently into their new home on the Kings Mountain Highway.

WINDING

Mrs. Annie Mae McMillen, winder tender, has entered the Gaston Memorial Hospital for treatment.

The employees of the Second Shift Winding welcome Miss Ruby Heafner, winder tender, to their department.

The employees of the Second Shift Winding Department gave Mrs. Juanita Gamble, winder tender, a household shower on January 24.

Mrs. Marion Cable, winder tender, has returned to work after a brief illness.

MAIN OFFICE

Mr. E. J. Mechem, comptroller, and Mrs. Mechem, have as their guest, their daughter, Mrs. K. R. Kirsh of Akron, Ohio. Mrs. Kirsh has been living at Camp Polk, La., with her husband, Lieutenant Kirsh, who left from New York on January 23, enroute to Germany. Mrs. Kirsh expects to join her husband after an extended visit here.

Mrs. W. F. Bradley, mother of Mrs. Eula Wilson, Miss Myrtle Bradley, both of Main Office, A. C. Bradley, Refreshment Department, and John S. Bradley, Twisting Department, continues critically ill at her home on Linwood Road. The entire office personnel express to each one, their sincere concern and heart-felt desire for Mrs. Bradley's speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mozelle Brockman, main office, and Miss Nell Bolick, Spooling Department, entertained jointly Monday evening, January 19 at the Firestone Girls' Club in compliment to Mrs. James Hilton, the former Miss Virginia Brewer. Approximately 25 guests made up the party. Mrs. Hilton was remembered with a miscellaneous shower of gifts.

PERSONNEL

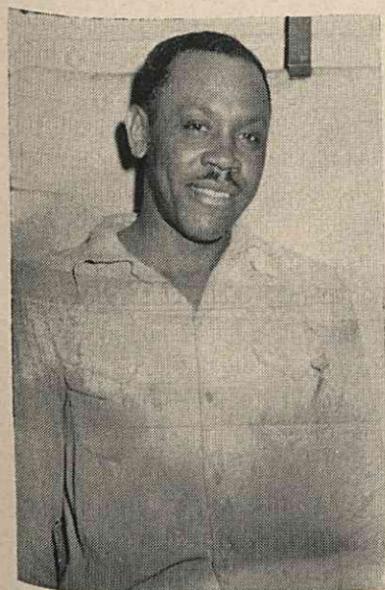
Mr. T. B. Ipock, Sr., father of T. B. Ipock, Jr., Industrial Relations Director, is recuperating very nicely at his home in Asheville, N. C., after a recent illness.

Senior Time Study Engineer J. M. Cooper spent a few days recently in Roanoke, Va., on Company business.

Inquiring Reporter Asks: "What Do You Think Of Community Fund?"

THE FIRST annual Community Fund drive is now an accomplished fact, and more important, a grand success. The results of the drive are indication enough that the people at Firestone Textiles like the new and consolidated method of raising money for charities. Before the results were announced, however, the inquiring reporter set forth to interview at random five employees as to their opinion of

the Community Fund. At the time of the interviews, not one of the five was doubtful of the outcome of the drive. Nor were any of the five in any way critical of the plan. It all adds up to strong, near-unanimous support of the plan by Firestone's employees, who speak for themselves as follows:



BUDDY SANDERS, Waste House, likes the new plan because he finds it less trouble to make one donation each year rather than a half-dozen or more. Says he, "I'm glad they like the payroll deduction idea too. The money I have deducted I don't miss, and it makes me feel good to know that my donation helps fight Infantile Paralysis as well as a good many other dread diseases, etc." Buddy, who has been employed at Firestone for 12 years, lives at 606 West Harrison Street.



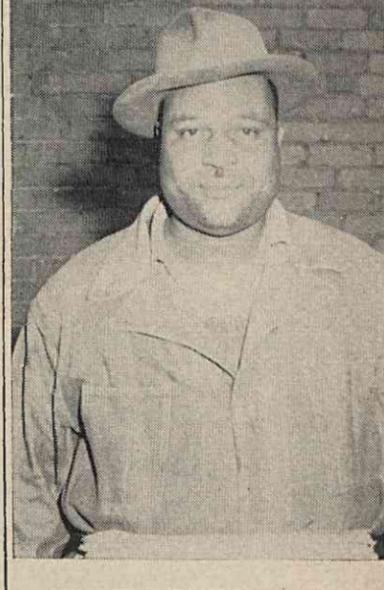
ALONZO GADDIS, Supply Room, adds another affirmative vote for the Community Fund. "I like it better, all right," says Mr. Gaddis, "and I hope all Firestone employees participate in it. That payroll deduction is the thing I like especially, because I'll never miss the small amount to be deducted weekly from my pay envelope—and that should go for everybody. My advice to others would be, 'give as generously as you can.'" Mr. Gaddis, and his wife, live at 907 West Main Street. They have five children.



ALFRED CASKEY, picker fixer, says he can see no objection to the new method of raising money for the various national charities Firestone Textiles employees—and Americans generally—have supported heretofore in individual drives. "In fact," says Mr. Caskey, "I think 90 percent or more of Firestone's employees at Gastonia will participate." Mr. Caskey, his wife and his four children live at 309 South Trenton Street.



CHARLES M. PLYER, weaving overhauler, has this to say in behalf of the Community Fund. "I think it's the best all-round thing this plant ever tried. There are people who will contribute to the Community Fund, by means of payroll deduction, who might not give to the various charities represented by the Fund if cash only were acceptable. I hope the first annual drive for the Community Fund is a big success." Mr. Plyer, an 11-year employee, lives at 108 South Dalton Street. His wife, Eva, is a respooler.



FRANK BROWN, shop laborer, says, "Sure, I think it's a good system and that's exactly what I told the others I work with. I had been contributing to each charity as it came along under the old setup, now I am glad they have a more convenient way of collecting money for charity. I think everybody at Firestone will like the new Community Fund." Frank lives at 918 North Boyce Street, is married and has a daughter, 19.