

NEWS IN BRIEF

SPINNING

Jack Guffey, doffer, has entered the Gaston Memorial Hospital for treatment. Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to him. His room number is 329, if his friends would like to visit him or send a card.

S.F.C. Charles W. Ward and his wife visited his parents, W. B. Ward, second hand, and Mrs. Hazel Ward, spinner, the week end of March 14. Charles is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to William Broom, doffer, who is in the Gaston Memorial Hospital.

SPOOLING

Doyle Rowland, son of Mrs. Lois Rowland, spooler tender, has recently returned home from Germany. Mrs. Rowland gave Doyle a birthday dinner with several of his friends present.

Miss Margaret Summitt, warper helper, is in the Memorial Hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to her.

Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Mrs. Lela Mitchell, warper helper, who has been ill for a week.

TWISTING

Mrs. Dixie Griggs, reclamer, had as guests, February 23 to 28, her mother, Mrs. Frank Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Palmer of Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCreight have moved to Ohio. Ernest is the son of Mrs. Ruth McCreight, reclamer.

Miss Jo Ann Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Corrie Johnson, reclamer, and W. A. Johnson, changer in the Spinning Department, was home for the week end of March 6 from Wesleyan Methodist College, Central, S. C.

Mrs. Hazel Clark, tie-in-hand, and family had as week-end guests recently, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Haun of Knoxville, Tenn., the former a brother of Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Mable Hanna, tie-in-hand, and husband were dinner guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey, Leslie, S. C.

Mrs. Marie Fogle, respooler, entertained her grandson, David, on his third birthday with a party, March 7.

Dock Queen, son-in-law of Leon Keisler, fixer, and also a former pin boy of the Men's Club, left March 9 for Florida to train for the coming baseball season.

Mrs. Leola Chambers, respooler, and her husband, Otha Chambers, splicer fixer, spent the week end recently at Lula, Ga., visiting Mr. Chambers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chambers.

Mrs. Annie Lunsford, oiler, had as a week end guest recently, her nephew Clyde Stalcup, who has been in the Armed Service seven years.

WEAVING

Mrs. Vickie Spencer, battery hand and her husband had as dinner guests Sunday night, Mrs. Allen Jones and children of Shelby.

Miss Frances and Inez Brewer, battery hands, visited their sister, Mrs. James Hilton in Greensboro, Sunday.

Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, battery hand, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wellman visited in Charlotte recently.

Mrs. J. C. Costner of Rutherford College, N. C., spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. Essie Honeycutt, battery hand.

Miss Sandra Spencer, daughter of Mrs. Ruby Spencer, smash hand, is feeling much better now and has returned to her home on South Dalton Street.

Welcomed back to work after several weeks of sick leave was S. C. Tate, slasher tender.

Several employees of the Spooling Department have been absent for several weeks with flu and have returned to work recently. They are Miss Margaret Summitt, warper helper, Mrs. Vera Short, spooler tender, and Lee Lattimore, spooler tender.

Maurice Hardin, sweeper, had as his guest recently, his mother. She is planning to return to Gastonia in a few weeks so that she and Maurice may go to housekeeping.

The daughter of Mrs. Lily Spencer, spooler tender, was hit in the head with a ball bat while playing at school recently. Best wishes for her recovery.

Mrs. Bernice Roland, warper tender, and family spent the week end recently with Mr. and Mrs. Roland of Murphy.

SHOP

Welder Bryant Elders and family visited their son, Bryant, Jr., at Camp Lee, Va., the week end of March 7. They reported a wonderful trip. Bryant, Jr., is getting along fine in the Army. He is a former employee of the Spooling Department.

Paul Walker, Roller Shop Supervisor, has returned to his home after having undergone surgery at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Fireman Robert Passmore is back at work after undergoing treatment at the Charlotte Eye, Ear, and Nose Clinic.

Pfc. Joe Lee Harmon, son of Paint Foreman Homer Harmon, has received his discharge from the Army. He was stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Ed Taylor, foreman of the Electrical Department, was on vacation the week of March 9.

MAIN OFFICE

Mrs. Eula B. Wilson, Supervisor of Payroll Department, will attend the District meeting of Pilot International District No. 6, which is to be held at Rocky Mount, April 18 and 19. Mrs. Wilson will be installed as President of the local Pilot Club at this meeting.

J. L. Kendrick, City Clerk of Gastonia, and father of Miss Martha Kendrick, main office, continues ill at the Gaston Memorial Hospital. The Office Personnel extend to Martha and members of her family their heart-felt concern and wishes for a speedy recovery for Mr. Kendrick.

Mrs. R. C. Hall of Salisbury is at the present time a guest of her son, Homer Hall, main office. Mrs.

In Memoriam

MRS. GERALINE BARNETT
Mrs. Geraline Barnett died on March 7, 1953. Mrs. Barnett was buried in Banks County, Ga. She was the sister of Boss Parsons, elevator operator.

MRS. BERNICE JENKINS
Mrs. Bernice Spencer Jenkins died recently. She was the sister of Robert Spencer, Supply Room.

MRS. R. L. CLODFELTER
Mrs. R. L. Clodfelter of Winston-Salem, mother-in-law of William Blackwell, main office, died Monday, March 9, at Winston-Salem.

JAMES F. BAKER
James F. Baker died February 26 in Kershaw, S. C. He was the father of Mrs. H. A. Webb, whose husband, H. A. Webb, works in the Twisting Department.

Hall is convalescing from a recent operation at City Hospital in Winston-Salem. Best wishes for a complete recovery are with Mrs. Hall.

Connie Brock, husband of Mrs. Jean Brock, main office, is convalescing nicely at their home on South Firestone Street from a recent operation at the Gaston Memorial Hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery is extended to him.

BINGO

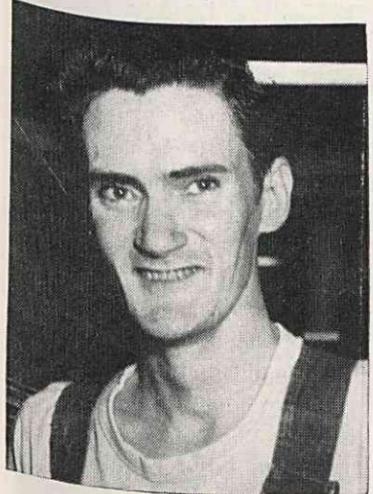
The last bingo game of the season will be played in the Girls' Club on Thursday, March 26.

Inquiring Reporter. . . .

Active Participants Find It Difficult To Pick Their Favorite Sport

WITH sports interest at the moment fixed on the forthcoming annual Sports Banquet, the inquiring reporter decided that now might be an appropriate time to get the opinions and preferences of several employees as regards the recreation and athletic program conducted for employee's benefit by the Recreation Department. The Sports Banquet is the highlight of the sports year at Firestone. It is the occasion for honoring those employees who have excelled in the various competitive sports carried on by the Recreation Department. Thus it is the one time of the year

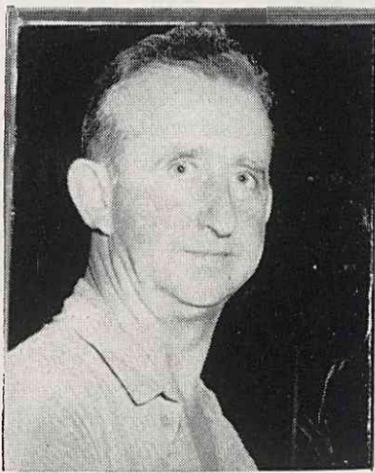
when one's attention is diverted from current seasonal activities and directed toward a review of the entire program—with emphasis on the outstanding participants in each activity. Against this background the question, "What is your favorite plant recreational activity?", was tossed out to five active participants in the Company's program. The answers came back quickly. . . . at about the speed of a fast-pitched softball, for instance, from the pitching arm of Junior Lancaster. Here's what he, and the others, had to offer:



JUNIOR LANCASTER, twister, thinks Firestone's recreational program has so many interesting phases that it is not easy to pick the one that is personally most appealing. He likes them all—a fact that doubtless makes him a valuable addition to the Recreation Council, on which he serves now as member in charge of selecting all-star team members. Mr. Lancaster believes that Firestone Textiles "has the best recreation program among industries in this area, with something in it for everyone." Although it isn't necessarily his favorite, Junior Lancaster will be on the softball diamond again this season as he has for the past five doing the pitching for the Second Shift Twisting Team.



ANN TURNER, a spinner, takes bowling in preference to all other recreational activities at Firestone. Says she, "I rate bowling a big first with baseball a poor second. Of course, I'm just a spectator in baseball, but I do my share of participating in bowling." Miss Turner is one of Firestone's leading girl bowlers with an average-pins-per-game of 90 for the season. In the Girl's Bowling League, for the season just completed, she had high flat (92) and high set (823).



JAMES BALLEW, section man in the Carding Department, says, "I like bingo, ceramics, photography, and bowling. You might say that I go in for the less strenuous activities." Mr. Ballew was one of the first employees to join the recently formed Camera Club, a fact that tends to bear out his professed fondness for non-strenuous pastimes. He says also, "I think the Sports Banquet is a fine thing, and I'm looking forward to being there. If I get there it will be the first time that I've had an opportunity to attend and I mean to really enjoy it."



WILLIAM (BILL) DEAL, sweeper and son of Section Man, Reil A. Deal, is an all-round athlete with an especial liking for baseball. "I've been playing baseball—and softball—since I was big enough to hold a bat in my hands. Give me a first baseman's glove on a warm spring day and I'm happy." Bill seems to be happy in almost any athletic activity. In softball last season, for example, he batted 452 in the Industrial Softball League, and in duck pin bowling he has averaged in the current season 102.



LOUISE DILL, speeder tender, likes the take-it-easy type recreational activity such as ceramics, to mention her current favorite. "I had never done any ceramics work until Firestone started it as a part of the recreation program for employees. Now I'm turning out plates that look nice, if I do say so myself. Even reached the point that I can decorate my work with clay flowers that come out of the kiln looking like the real thing." Though Mrs. Dill prefers non-athletic activities, she's proud of the fact that Firestone has a balanced program.

Your Recreation Program Needs Your Participation