



MAKING an early visit to the home of Luther Foy, canteen supervisor, Santa Claus, above, poses with Mrs. Rachel Dugan of the Weaving Department, one of the first arrivals for the First Shift Tie-in-hands and Inspectors Christmas Party held at the Foy home in the Crowders Mountain section of the county. Hostess for the evening was Mrs. Luther Foy, inspector in Cord Weaving.

Christmas Tree Safety Rules

1. Cut a growing tree or purchase one which shows it has not been allowed to dry out by prolonged storage. When too dry, tree branches are brittle and shed needles easily. (Test flexibility of small branches and retention of needles.)
2. Stand the tree in water outdoors until you are ready to use it indoors.
3. Bring the tree indoors just before Christmas and remove it as soon as it has served its purpose.
4. The larger the tree, the greater the hazard, so do not get one any larger than you need.
5. Just before setting up the tree, saw off the trunk at an angle at least one inch above the original cut.
6. Place the freshly cut tree trunk in water and keep level of water above the cut the entire time the tree is indoors.
7. Support the tree well. Keep it away from sources of heat (fireplaces, radiators, etc.) and place it so that, standing or fallen, it could not block the way out of the room or out of the house in case of fire.
8. Do not use wax candles on the tree or nearby where there is any chance for an open flame to contact the tree or combustibles piled beneath the tree.

9. Use only electric lighting sets that bear the UL (Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.) label.

10. Check lighting sets each year before using, for frayed wires, loose connections, and broken sockets.

11. Be sure the fuse of the electric circuit serving the tree is not over 15 amperes. Cord sets with a fuse in the plug, bearing a UL label, are available. Do not plug too many cords in one outlet.

12. Make certain that all tree lighting is turned off before retiring or leaving the house.

Next NCRS Board Meeting To Be Here, February 20

Recreation Director Ralph Johnson attended a Board of Directors meeting of the North Carolina Recreation Society December 12-13, in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Johnson, vice-president of the organization, announced that the next meeting would be held at Firestone Textiles on Saturday, February 20.

Homer Hall Wins First Place In Safety Slogan Contest; Oscar Jacobs and Cramer Little Follow

A MAIN OFFICE employee, Homer Hall, has won the 1953 Safety Slogan Contest. The three-judge contest panel selected Mr. Hall's entry—"Safety is my business and your business for our business"—as the best of the 355 original slogans submitted in the contest.

Oscar Jacobs of the Shop won second place with the slogan: "We like no ism's but safety-ism at Firestone."

Another Shop employee, Cramer Little, won third place with this entry: "No rule can measure the value of good safety habits."

In addition to the first three winners who received \$25, \$15, and \$10 respectively for their efforts, there were ten other winners (\$5 each) whose names and slogans are listed as follows:

Rosie Francum, Shop, "Safety pays at home, at work, at play."

Joe Givens, Cable Twisting, "Be alert at all times and be safe."

Verdie Smith, Spooling, "Your job is only as safe as you make it."

Juanita McDonald, Syc Weaving, "Practice Safety today, be here tomorrow."

Eva Stockton, Cloth Room, "Safety is individual responsibility."

Ralph Johnson, Recreation, "You can't afford an accident — Safety pays."

Ray Cloninger, Plastic Dip, "Stop, think, then do your job."

R. H. Hood, Firestone News, "Be safe or you may not live to be sorry."

R. H. Hood, Firestone News, "It costs nothing to be safe; plenty not to be."

Juanita McDonald, Syc Weaving, "An ounce of Prevention is worth a pound of Regret."

The judges for the contest were: Mr. W. G. Hardin, Personnel and Safety Director for Rex Mills; Mr. Bryan Hurd, Safety Director for the Cramerton Division of Burlington Mills; Mr. W. G. Alligood, Industrial Relations Director for American-Efird Mills.

Safety Director L. B. McAbee, as well as the judges were impressed with the number and quality of the slogans submitted. Speaking for himself Mr. McAbee said, "The participants have done some real thinking in this contest, and have produced for us a good supply of original and highly practical safety slogans. We intend to make good use of them, both winners and others."

Football Bowl Contest Closes December 31st

Deadline for the Football Bowl Contest is December 31st. Contest entry blanks are obtainable at the employee clubs, or at the Recreation Office. Three prizes—\$15, \$10, and \$5—will be awarded the three best entries as determined by (1) the most bowl game winners picked correctly, or, in case of ties (2) the best prediction of game scores.

Scholarship Winner Sets High Mid-Semester Marks

Miss Claudette Taylor, winner of the first Firestone Scholarship for this area, is making honor grades at Duke University, according to her father, Second Hand Claude Taylor. Her mid-semester report, he says, gives her an A minus average in her first year subjects: English, French, chemistry, mathematics, and religion.



HOMER HALL, bottom right, receives congratulations and a twenty-five-dollar check from General Manager Harold Mercer upon being selected first-prize winner in the recently conducted Safety Slogan Contest. Other winners, with their awards in parenthesis, are: First row at left, Mrs. Eva Stockton, cloth burler (\$5.00). Second row, left to right, Mesdames Rosie Francum, tool room clerk (\$5.00); Verdie Smith, warper tender (\$5.00); and Juanita McDonald, battery filler (\$10.00). Third row, Oscar Jacobs, Shop (\$15.00); Cramer Little, Shop (\$10.00); and Ray Cloninger, Plastic Dip (\$5.00). Fourth row, Ralph Johnson, recreation director (\$5.00); R. H. Hood, editor of Firestone News (\$10.00); and Joe Givens, twister tender (\$5.00). Safety Director L. B. McAbee, at rear, was pleased with the participation in the contest, there being 355 slogans submitted during the month-long contest ending November 30.

Joseph A. Meek Appointed Industrial Relations Director For Parent Company

APPOINTMENT of Joseph A. Meek as Director of Industrial Relations of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company was announced recently by J. E. Trainer, Vice-President.

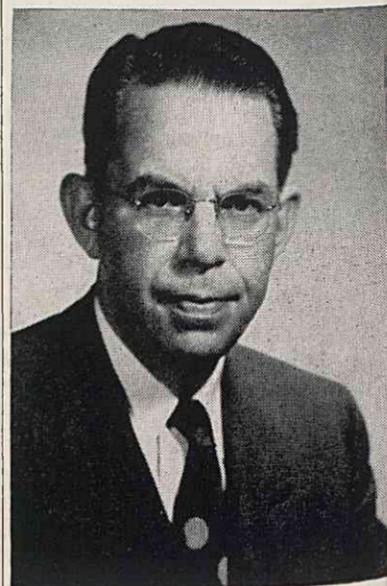
Mr. Meek has been General Factory Manager of the Firestone plant in Memphis, Tennessee, since October, 1951, and before that was Assistant Director of Industrial Relations in Akron from 1946 to 1951. He will take over his new duties in Akron immediately, according to Mr. Trainer.

Mr. Meek is a native of East Palestine, Ohio, and a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University. He joined Firestone in the Cost Department in 1925, was transferred to the Time Study Department in 1926, and in 1928 moved to Los Angeles to establish the Industrial Relations Department at the newly established Firestone subsidiary plant in that city.

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HE served as Production Manager of the Los Angeles plant until 1942 when he was transferred to the Nebraska Defense Corporation, a bomb-loading plant operated by Firestone in Fremont, Nebraska. In 1943 he was appointed General Manager of the plant.

In 1944 Mr. Meek was granted a leave of absence from Firestone to serve as Deputy Field Director of Ammunition Plants, U. S. Army Ordnance. In this capacity he served as Chief Civilian Advisor to the U. S. Ordnance Department directing the operation of the more than 60 shell-and-bomb-loading plants in the country.



JOSEPH MEEK, Director of Industrial Relations of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

At the end of World War II, Mr. Meek received the War Department Exceptional Civilian Service Award for his outstanding work as Deputy Field Director of Ammunition Plants.

In 1945 Mr. Meek returned to Akron as Assistant Director of Industrial Relations.

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