

Hager-Burroughs



Miss Nancy Jo Burroughs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe O. Burroughs, exchanged vows with Fred A. Hager, in a ceremony at First Baptist Church in Bessemer City, Saturday, September 4, at 7 p. m.

Mr. Burroughs is in the shop, and Mrs. Burroughs is in the Cord Weaving Department.

The Reverend Fred Forester, pastor of the church, led the marriage ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white silk organza, embroidered in petal pink satin. Her veil of pure silk

Religion Is Bulwark Of American Life

The heart of America's greatness is its religious strength. Only by faith can men hold firm and uncompromised their spiritual heritage of freedom and the right to live with hope.

No force can close in on that freedom and hope as long as we hold to our unfaltering belief in the fellowship of man with his God. No force can overcome the heroic powers which spring eternally from faith.

We can thank the religious beliefs of our founding fathers for dedicating their labor and their lives to the creation of this land of freedom. The foundations of this nation were laid by men and women who believed in God and His influence in human affairs. From the earliest days, spiritual aspirations have been a vital force in American life.

The first act of the Pilgrims after their ship gained the shelter of the harbor in the autumn of 1621, was to thank God for having led them safely overseas.

illusion was triple-tiered and was attached to a half hat of the same material. She carried a prayer book topped with an orchid.

A program of music included numbers by Miss Jo Ann Burroughs who sang "Through The Years," and Jimmy Chasteen, who sang "O Promise Me," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Miss Jeanette Burroughs, who attended her sister as maid of honor, was attired in a ballerina length dress of petal pink brocade, worn with a pink satin baneaux. She wore a flirtation veil and carried a bouquet of red roses.

The mother of the bride chose a dress of aqua faille, featuring a sweetheart neckline.

Charles Lee Hager attended his son as best man. Buster Horne, Dizzy Coon, Bud Morgan, and Jack Herndon were ushers.

Mrs. Hager attended the Bessemer City schools. Mr. Hager is a 1954 graduate of Bessemer City High School.

After a trip through Western North Carolina, the couple went to live in Jacksonville, Fla., where the bridegroom is stationed with the U. S. Marine Corps.

The first money issued by the new nation was stamped with its faith in divine power with the phrase: "In God We Trust".

Early in the sessions of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin interrupted the proceedings to inquire why the meetings were not opened with prayer for divine guidance. He reminded them that in that very room when the Declaration of Independence was being drawn up, there had been daily prayer.

Today there is urgent need for the vision and fortitude of men of faith. Much depends upon us—as individuals and as a nation. We have in this nation a vast reservoir of that faith. Mobilizing it and sharing it is the one sure way to inspire hope in the hearts of the people of the world for a better day.

Employees Recognized For Five Years Service

Following is a list of awards of five year service pins to employees of Firestone Textiles, for October, 1954.

Rayon Twisting Bobbie S. Rayfield, Stella E. Moore; Cotton Twisting Glenn R. McMillon; Cotton Weaving Harcell T. Tate.

Friends Gave A Surprise Party

Beaver Retires After 19 Years Service

"I feel somewhat lost, not having a regular job to do," remarked A. C. Beaver less than one week after he retired from work as a twister-doffer at Firestone Textiles, after 19 years and four months of continuous service to the Gastonia plant. Mr. Beaver, who was 65 last October 5, has been in either the twisting or doffing department since he came to work here in 1933. His duties have taken him to assignments on different floors of the plant.

When he retired on October 29, his friends in the plant gave a surprise party, at which they presented him with a package containing two white dress shirts, a necktie and tie pin, and a billfold.

Beaver was brought up on a farm near Murphy in Cherokee County, N. C., and spent his early life as farmer, timberman, and

later as a copper miner in East Tennessee. He recalls that when he was working in the Tennessee copper mine near Ducktown, his family remained in North Carolina, while he traveled to and from his job—to board in the state of Georgia.

He moved with his family to Gastonia in 1926, and was first employed by a textile mill prior to coming to Firestone. Mrs. Beaver, also employed at Firestone, has a record of more than 19 years service with the plant. Three of Mr. Beaver's brothers are also employed here. They are William T., Robert L., and James B. Beaver.

The A. C. Beavers have eight children, five boys and three girls, all of whom are married, except the youngest son, Lloyd.

Through his more than 19 years

with Firestone, Beaver has been fortunate, in that he has lost very little time on the job from sickness or accidents.

"In my work at Firestone I always tried to cooperate with my supervisors, and do the job well, for that was the best way to get along," he says.

On his vacation throughout the years he has visited various places. "My last vacation seemed to be the best ever," he remembers. Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, along with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anderson (Mrs. Anderson works for Firestone), toured parts of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. In Kentucky, Mr. Beaver had his first experience of going inside a coal mine. In Tennessee members of his party visited Lookout Mountain and Rock City, from which they were able to see parts of seven states.

Asked if he plans an extended vacation this winter, say like to Florida, the retired Firestone worker replied: "No, Florida would be a mighty nice place to go, but a fellow wants most of all to just be at home."

Mr. Beaver regularly attends Beech Avenue Baptist Church, not far from his 6th Street home.

Still young in heart and also in years, Beaver has almost a complete set of his original teeth, and his black hair shows only a tinge of grey. "It's getting a bit thin on top," he remarks jokingly.

And what of his plans for the future? He'll probably find a part-time job to pass the hours, while at his home at 1015 W. 6th Street, he dreams of a few acres in the country where he can do some gardening, and perhaps tend a few pigs and a flock of chickens.



A. C. Beaver, at left center, receives a gift from Hobert Aldridge, overseer in the Ply Twisting Department, on the occasion of Mr. Beaver's retirement from more than 19 years service with Firestone Textiles, Gastonia.

Firestone Tires Set New Speed Record

Fourteen new American speed records were established on Firestone tires at the sixth running of the annual National Speed Trials over the blistering salt flats at Bonneville, Utah, August 30 through September 5.

The Ray Brown Shadoff Special turned the top speed of the meet when it established a new Class "C" Streamliner record for the measured mile at an average speed of 248.26 miles per hour. The same car won the fastest speed trophy for the measured mile in one direction of 252 mph. This same car, a single engine powered machine with 302 cubic inches and 325 horsepower last year won the International competition in its class for one, five and ten kilometers and one, five and ten miles with an average speed of 236.36 mph. The car was driven to the new American record this year by Bob Bowen. The old record for Class "C" Streamliners was 224.144 established in 1952.

For the first time in history, a modified roadster, Class "C", was driven over 200 mph. It was the Jim Lindsey entry that completed the two-way mile in an average speed of 202.07 mph. The previous record of 186.09 was established in 1952.

The Neumayer-Reed Bros. Class "C" Lakester was piloted to a new American record by clipping more than eight miles per hour from the old record. The new time was 205.71 as compared to the record established in 1952 of 197.88.

Also rewritten into the record book was a new American record in Class "D" Competition Coupe. The Don Bishop entry was clocked at an average speed of 171.57, beating the previous record of 160.852 established in 1953.

New records were set in all four classes in the Coupe category. The "B" record went to the Toros-Arias entry with 138.41 (old record, 133.257); "C" record to the Quinton-Joehneck-Latham Special with '54.34 (open).

It is significant that with more than 450 entries, 84 per cent of the owners selected and used Firestone tires.

The American record for Class "E" Streamliners established in 1953 by the Floyd Clymer Motor-book Special, owned by Bill Kenz and Ray Leslie of Denver, Colorado, was not broken. The famous 777 was on hand to defend and rolled to a 151 plus in warm-up. The 1953 record speed of 256.045 mph still stands as the top American speed on the world's fastest race track.

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and components; in Noblesville, Indiana, tank tracks, and in Los Angeles, California, Corporal Guided Missiles.

The Company also operates Ravenna Arsenal, Ravenna, Ohio; Keystone Ordnance Works, Meadville, Pennsylvania, and Plum Brook Ordnance Works, Sandusky, Ohio. In addition, an active Defense Research Division is carrying out a number of important assignments for Army Ordnance, Navy Bureau of Ships and others.

At the conclusion of World War II, Mr. Gohr was named Purchasing Agent of the Company. In 1951 he was named General Manager of Plant 3, the large defense manufacturing plant of the Company in Akron. For the past two years he has been on special assignments.

Basketball Practice

Opening date for girls' basketball practice has been set for 7 p. m., November 16, at the Armory, Ralph Johnson, director of recreation, has announced.

Service Pins For November

As of November, 1954, 360 fifteen year service pins, 800 ten year, and 1,841 five year pins have been awarded Firestone Textiles employees. Those receiving fifteen year awards for November: Carding Garland Fox; Rayon Weaving Otho J. Chambers, M. Ethel C. Tate; Cotton Weaving Elam Kaylor, Bassie R. Rogers.

For ten years service: Spooling Pearl H. Edison, Virginia H. Eaker; Rayon Weaving Frank S. Lineberger.

Five years: Rayon Twisting Ollie J. Propst, Julius R. Hodge; Rayon Weaving Roy L. Davis; Warehouse Tracy H. Moore, Samuel Wilson; Winding Dorcas A. Atkinson.

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