



Raymond C. Firestone (center), Executive Vice-President and a past chairman of the Sponsoring Committee FFA Foundation, was among the first to congratulate the four regional Star Farmers upon winning the awards. Front left: Jay Wright, Alamo, Nev.; Burd W. Schantz, Alburdis, Pa., who was named Star Farmer of America; Mr. Firestone; Davis Henry, Hope Hull, Ala., and Gilbert V. Mattes, Allen, Neb.

FUTURE FARMERS

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Schantz of Alburdis, Pa., one of the four, was named "Star Farmer of America."

The other youths receiving the awards were: Jay Wright, Alamo, Nevada (Pacific Region); Davis Henry, Hope Hull, Ala. (Southern Region), and Gilbert V. Mattes, Allen, Neb. (Central Region).

The Firestone Company was one of the original donors to contribute to the FFA Foundation which now, in its 10th year, numbers 250 members and annually contributes \$150,000 to provide for the FFA awards program.

Weddings



Miss Sadie Geneva Glisson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Glisson, 317 South Liberty Street, Gastonia, became the bride of Donald Eugene Cunningham of Gastonia, in a ceremony performed in Gaffney, S. C., October 17.

Mrs. Cunningham's father is a twister tender at Firestone.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham are living at 610 West Rankin Avenue, Gastonia.



Temple Baptist Church, Gastonia was the scene of a wedding ceremony at 8 p. m., November 25, which united Miss Barbara Ann Mitchell and Kenneth Jenkins, both of Gastonia. The Reverend Guy Walker, pastor of the church, officiated at the ceremony.

Mrs. Jenkins is the daughter of J. A. Mitchell, twister tender at Firestone Textiles, and Mrs. Mitchell, reclamer. She was graduated from Gastonia High School in 1954.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jenkins of Route 4, Gastonia. He attended the local high school and is now serving in the army at Fort Benning, Ga.

Miss Carrie Ferguson, daughter of Charles M. Ferguson, Firestone plant officer, and Mrs. Ferguson, became the bride of Donald Reynolds of Gastonia, in a ceremony at York, S. C., November 30.

Mrs. Reynolds has been employed as a supervisor of recreation at the Firestone playground here, and during the winter months has been assistant to Ralph Johnson, recreation director at Firestone.

She is now instructor in calisthenics at St. Michael's Parochial School, Gastonia.

Mr. Reynolds is with the 20th Engineers, U. S. Army, Fort Jackson, S. C. He, with his military unit, will transfer to Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N. C., December 15.

Mrs. Reynolds will remain in Gastonia until May, 1955.

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thankful for a lower death rate and improved treatment but should concern ourselves with the continuing damage, known and unknown, which tuberculosis causes. We should not relax our efforts to control and eventually eliminate TB. Health Departments and tuberculosis associations have this same goal. The people of North Carolina can help by buying Christmas Seals and supporting public health programs."

Firestone In The News

Porta Porch New Product of Company

A new type of portable porch has been produced by the Firestone Company, in its Akron plant. The unit is a light, sturdy screened porch that can be put up or taken down in fifteen minutes. The top is made of waterproof canvas of Firestone Velon screen, with the framework of tubular aluminum.

Light enough to be carried by one man, the unit will enclose a hundred square feet of space. It can be set on lawns, terraces, brick, stone or concrete. According to the manufacturers, the Porta Porch is priced at a fraction of the cost of a conventional screened porch.

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tially to the steady progress which has been made here since Firestone acquired the property in 1935.

Mr. Karl has always expressed a keen interest in matters such as improved working conditions for employees, better handling methods, manufacturing refinements, employees recreation, etc. He has always worked closely with all levels of supervision and no problem is too small to command his attention. His numerous Gastonia friends look forward to many more years of happy association with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl reside at 222 Twin Oaks Road, Akron. They have a daughter, Mrs. Carl S. Weber of Akron, and two grandsons.

Parking Big Business

The Urban Land Institute, an independent research organization in city planning, has reported in a bulletin that off-street parking for automobiles is becoming more and more a firmly established land use in the central business districts of American cities.

Automotive progress has transformed the parking business from a vacant lot enterprise to an ultra-modern \$3,000,000,000 business, the Institute reported.

Because of public clamor for parking facilities situated within the heart of downtown business districts, off-street parking establishments have become prosperous parts of organized business, the Institute bulletin showed.

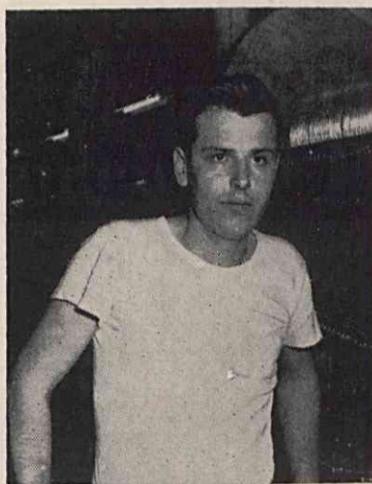
The Inquiring Reporter Asks: What Do You Think Is The Greatest Recent Improvement At Firestone Textiles?



MRS. JOHN ROSS, Winding: The women's new rest rooms. They are wonderful! They have been redone completely, and new equipment has been installed throughout. The floors are done in a kind of marble mosaic pattern, the lower part of the walls in porcelain tile. The upper part of the walls and the ceilings are painted white. In each one there are laboratories, a good mirror, and a place for supplies where employees can "freshen up." In each one is a hand dryer which produces forced hot air. There are paper towel dispensers and several other items of new equipment.



MRS. W. B. WARD, Spinning: The outstanding improvement here has been the installation of a large package spinning frame with the latest type frame and ceiling cleaners. I understand that similar type frames will be installed along with the cleaners and other features of the sample frame. This equipment runs better with less ends down and is also more efficient. The new blowers keep the lint blown off the frames, thus improving working conditions. The supply of new roving boxes is another improvement. Of light metal construction, they have smooth-running wheels, making them push easily.



ALTON MEDLIN, Ply Twisting: I think the greatest improvement has been the putting in of new brakes on the beams of twisters. The old type brake made use of a rope to which was attached a small weight. Sometimes the ropes would wear out and break, and release the beam allowing it to run too fast. The new brake is a clamp device which allows the tension on the beam axle to be adjusted to the speed desired. A large wing nut and bolt on the brake allow the unit to be tightened or loosened to control the speed. These brakes have been installed on all twisters within the last year.



PORTER CABLE, Spooling: The new smokers on this floor. Before they were installed here, workers were permitted to smoke in the toilets, but this certainly is a great improvement. This one nearest me is conveniently located about the middle of this section. The smokers are virtually fireproof. They are lined with sheet metal and have a floor of inlaid linoleum. Benches are placed around the walls, thick glass panels on all sides help make the smokers very nice. Another good point about the smokers is the exhaust fan in each one. This adds much to the comfort and usefulness of each unit.



FLOYD H. WHITAKER, Weaving: The new large take-up stands on the looms. These stands are equipped with larger diameter rolls and are heavier in every way than the older stands. This makes possible the weaving of much larger rolls. Roll startups are more easily made than was the case with the former type of stand. Some of the more important points about the new stands are that they require a minimum of maintenance, seem to make a better roll, and make larger rolls possible from this latest equipment.