



Enlarged Parking Facilities To Replace Firestone Houses

Three Firestone Textile-owned houses will be sacrificed to make way for space to enlarge the parking facilities at the plant, Harold Mercer, General Manager, has announced.

The proposed parking lot will accommodate 150 cars.

Expanded parking facilities are necessary, Mr. Mercer explained, because of the increased number of cars owned by the employees. The

parking lot will also alleviate the traffic congestion created on the streets in the vicinity of the plant, and help to clear spaces around employees' homes.

"We will have sufficient capacity to park 350 cars off the streets when the new lot is completed," the General Manager said. "That's a far cry from what we had years ago. When I first came to Gastonia, we had one parking lot that would hold 30 cars."

The three buildings to be demolished to provide space for a new 150-car parking area are located on South Firestone Boulevard between Franklin and Second Avenue.

Electrician Harry Jopp and Ray Kale made a trip to Marion, Ind., recently. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Hubert Brown. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Mr. Kale and the wife of a former Shop employee, Hubert Brown.

Lathe Operator Marshall Gilbert has returned to work after several days of illness.

The Shop employees will have their annual Christmas banquet on Wednesday, December 22, at the Girls Club. Serving on the committee are Rosie Francum, J. G. Tino, Jr., and Rufus Hughes.

Lathe Operator Marvin Robinson entered Garrison General Hospital December 12.

Miss Mary Rose Foy, student at Wofford College and Spartanburg General Hospital School of Nursing, is spending the Christmas Holidays with her parents, Lathe Operator Edgar Foy and Mrs. Hazel Foy of the Twisting Department.

CLOTH ROOM

Gordon Wilson, fixer, and Mrs. Wilson, visited their son in Sumter, S. C., recently.

Jack Morris and Mrs. Morris, visited relatives in Gainesville, Ga., for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Section Man Jack Moore's mother has returned home from the hospital after a serious operation.

QUALITY CONTROL

Baler Lake Quinn and Mrs. Exie Quinn, inspector, have as their guest, Mr. Quinn's mother, Mrs. Emma Quinn of Murphy, N. C.

Mrs. Jerry Strickland, inspector, and her husband and daughter visited in Canon, Ga.

Mrs. Betty Thomas, inspector, spent a recent week end with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Harris in Raleigh, N. C.

Leroy Bentley, strobatac operator, and his family visited his sis-

ter, Mrs. Effie Crawford in Taylorsville, N. C.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Nellie Stowe had as dinner guests on December 12 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, who recently moved to Gastonia from Minneapolis, Minn.

MAIN OFFICE NEWS

The personnel of main office welcome two new members to the department: Mrs. Pansy Falls and Donald Rhyne. Mrs. Falls, wife of Cicero Falls of the Shipping Department, lives at 1019 West Franklin Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Falls have one daughter, Hollis, who is six years old. Mr. Rhyne, married to the former Anne Prestwood, lives in Dallas.

The women of the office personnel entertained recently in honor of Miss Edith Lewis, Payroll Department, whose marriage to Ray Crawford will be an event of December 25. Miss Sue Van Dyke had charge of the entertainment and

Mrs. Nellie Stowe supervised refreshments. Miss Lewis was remembered with a shower of miscellaneous gifts.

Miss Helen Spencer, main office, has accepted the position of organist for Ranlo Baptist Church, Ranlo, N. C.

Mrs. Margaret Spencer, former employee of main office, has returned to work in the Payroll Department on a temporary basis.

Mrs. Eula Wilson, Payroll Department Supervisor, and Miss Evelyn Mayfield, Laboratory, attended the Community Chorus rendition of Handel's "Messiah", Sunday, December 5, at the First Methodist Church in Charlotte, N. C.

BIRTHS

Raymond Varnadore, Weaving, and Mrs. Varnadore announce the birth of a daughter on December 9.

A daughter, Sharon Yvette, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Grant, at Garrison General Hospital, Gastonia, December 9.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TWISTING

Staff Sergeant H. L. Dixon, son of Mrs. Nellie Dixon, respooler, and his family returned home Friday, December 17. Sgt. Dixon, his wife and two children have been in England for the past three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Chambers spent the week end recently visiting Mr. Chamber's mother and father in Lula, Ga.

Mrs. Bertha Dodgen visited her mother, Mrs. C. J. Tyler and her sister, Mrs. Sadie Williamson of McCall, S. C., during the week end of December 11.

Mrs. Skeet Fletcher, tie-in-hand, spent a recent week end with her father, Nathan Graves of McCall, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Aldridge had as their guests Sunday, December 12, Mr. and Mrs. William Cosey and their grandson, Sonny Brockman.

The women employees of the Twisting Department had their Christmas Party at the Girls' Club on December 13. A turkey dinner was served and gifts exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stiles spent the week end recently with their son, the Rev. Mr. J. W. Stiles at Brevard, N. C.

Mrs. William Cosey, reclamer, and Miss Margie Cosey, main office, entertained at a birthday party in honor of Sonny Brockman, the former's grandson, who was five years old December 11. Ice cream and cake were served to 19 guests.

SHOP

Miss Louise Sparrow, student at Warren-Wilson College, Swannanoa, N. C. and William Sparrow, student at State College, Raleigh, N. C., are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Yardman Frank Sparrow and Mrs. Sparrow.



Eight employees completed 15 years service to the Company early in December. In foreground, General Superintendent Nelson Kessell (left) receives from General Manager Harold Mercer the pins which Mr. Kessell presented to those completing 15-year records. They are, from extreme left: Otho J. Chambers, rayon weaving; Garland Fox, carding; William F. Hogan, shop; Marvin Benton, carding; Elam Kaylor, cotton weaving; Bassie Rogers, cotton weaving; John W. P. Motes, cotton weaving; and Ethel Tate, rayon weaving.

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