

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## CARDING

S. L. Owens, overseer, and Mrs. Owens had as guests during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hudson and family of Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Bobby James, student at Appalachian State Teachers' College, spent the holidays with his parents, Carl James, fixer, and Mrs. Novella James, Main Office.

Mrs. Edna Harris, roving hauler, had as guests during the holidays, SFC. and Mrs. Joe B. Harris of Fort Lee, Va., Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Nolen of Greenville, S. C., A/3 Max Nolen of Naselle, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Harding of Swannanoa, N. C.

T. J. Smith, slubber tender, has returned to his home after two weeks in the hospital.

Grady Davis, slubber tender, and Mrs. Grady Davis, tailing hand, were hosts to the Davis Family at their annual Christmas party held at the Firestone Girls' Club.

Mrs. Edna Harris, roving hauler, Mrs. E. L. Webb, spinner, and Ralph Deal, Winding Department, spent the week of January 9th in Greenville, S. C., visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Nolen and their son, Max.

## MAIN OFFICE

Howard Love, main office, has returned to work after being hospitalized for several days.

Mrs. Helen Craig, former member of Payroll Department, has returned to work on a temporary basis.

Roy Jordan, former employee of Twisting Department and brother of Mrs. Gladys Nygard, Main Office, and Miss Maude Jordan, Twisting Department, continues ill at the Memorial Hospital in Charlotte. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Bobby James, student at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C., spent the week end of January 15 with his parents, Mrs. Novella James, Main Office, and Carl James, Carding Department.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tompkins, both of Main Office, had as week-end guests recently, their daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Mrs. Jack Tompkins and Suseth of Asheville, N. C.

## CLOTH ROOM

Mrs. Ronald Clark, sister of Bonnie Moses, inspector, is a patient in a local hospital.

Mrs. George Robinson, inspector, had as guests recently, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Gold of Polkville.

Howard Massey, baler, is out due to illness.

## QUALITY CONTROL

Second Hand Charlie Hipps, Mrs. Hipps, their daughter Ruth, Mrs. Kitty Moffitt and Mrs. George Wallace visited in Lenoir, N. C., recently.

## SHOP

Miss Sara Little of Winston-Salem, N. C., spent several days with her brother, Lathe Operator Cramer Little and Mrs. Little.

Lathe Operator Marvin Robinson has returned to work after several weeks of illness.

Douglas Bulman, son of Foreman E. G. Bulman, has returned to his home after being hospitalized several weeks.

Ralph Carson, guard, is out sick at his home.

Fork Truck Mechanic W. G. Henson, Jr., has returned to work after being discharged from the Air Force.

Electrician Bobby Chavis, Mrs. Chavis and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnett in Winnesboro, Ky., recently.

## SPOOLING

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Tipton of Robbinsville, N. C., are visiting Mrs. Mae Smith, spooler tender. Mrs. Smith is the mother of Mrs. Tipton.

Mrs. Gordon Edwards of Greenville, S. C., and her children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Domer Wilson. Mrs. Wilson is a reclamer in the Spooling Department.

Mrs. Ruth Rice, spooler tender, and her husband attended the funeral of Mr. Rice's grandfather, Charles C. Griffin of Ware Shoals, S. C., who died Friday, January 14.

## WEAVING

Mrs. Dean Capps has returned to work after several days of illness.

Mrs. Elsie Nash has returned to work after one week of vacation.

Don Kelly, fixer, is back at work after two weeks of illness.

## PERSONNEL

Claude Callaway, editor of Firestone News, has written an adult-level study manual of non-denominational nature, for use in

Sunday schools in this country and in foreign lands during the first quarter of 1955. The manual was issued by a Cincinnati, Ohio, publisher.

## Weddings



Miss Barbara Ann Blanton became the bride of Walter Ray Barnes in a ceremony Thursday evening, December 23, at 7 o'clock in Loray Baptist Church. Dr. Frank Malone, pastor of the church, was the officiating minister.

Mrs. Barnes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Blanton. Her father is employed in the recreation department at Firestone.

Mr. Barnes holds an office position with Firestone.

After a trip to Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes were at home at 208 North Weldon Street, Gastonia.



Speaking their vows on the afternoon of Christmas Day at 4:30, at West Avenue Presbyterian Church, Miss Edith Pauline Lewis and Ray Emerson Crawford were united in marriage by the Rev. W. C. Neel, pastor of the church.

Tall palms and arrangements of western ferns were used in the choir loft, the railing of which was veiled in white net and set with white tapers. Centering the pulpit was an arrangement of poinsettias.

Miss Myrtle Bradley gave an organ program during the ceremony. Miss Betty Bradley sang four selections.

W. J. G. Lewis gave his sister in marriage. The bride had her sister, Miss Lena Lewis as maid of honor; the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Dewitt Grant, was matron of honor; and serving as bridesmaid was Miss Janie Heilig.

J. Mack Crawford was his brother's best man. Ushers were Felix Dover, Roy McCarter, and Charles Lynn.

Mrs. Crawford is the daughter of Mrs. Hubert Grant Lewis and the late Mr. Lewis. She is a graduate of Gastonia High School, and before her marriage was employed in the payroll department at Firestone Textiles.

Mr. Crawford, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Crawford, was also graduated from the local high school, and is now a student at North Carolina State College, Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have established residence at 10 Enterprise Street, Raleigh.

Miss Betty Show was married to Joel Gordon December 24 at York, S. C. Mr. Gordon is a doffer in the Cloth Department.

## In Service



Airman 3rd Class George Montooth spent a leave during the Christmas season with his mother, Mrs. Seattle Montooth, winder tender.

Airman Montooth is stationed at Amarillo Army Air Force Base, Amarillo, Texas.



Private Charles Wiggins stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., spent a recent week end with his mother, Mrs. Rosalie Burger, starter maker of the Spooling Department.

## Suggestions

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During the past year Firestone employees have received a total of \$80,402.57 for 3,676 suggestions—an average of more than \$21 per award.

"Awards for adopted suggestions are naturally governed by their value to the Company," said Mr. Alger in describing the plan. "Those which carry the largest amounts are usually those on which definite savings are realized and we have paid as high as \$3,500 for a single suggestion. Each year many awards are paid in the larger amounts and during the past year there were 42 awards of between \$200 and \$1,500."

The \$3,500 award referred to by Mr. Alger was for an improved piece of equipment, part of a tire assembly machine. Tom Smith, Tire Builder at Plant 1 in Akron, was the award recipient.

## Stork Club

Mr. and Mrs. James Ledford announce the birth of a son on January 5th at the Kings Mountain Hospital. Mr. Ledford is a painter in the Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott McCarter of Clover, S. C., announce the birth of a daughter on December 8 at the Divine Savior Hospital in York, S. C. Mr. McCarter is an electrician in the Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Herndon are parents of a son, born December 24, at Gaston County Negro Hospital. The father is a cotton trucker in the warehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Billy Neal announce the birth of a daughter, on December 13. Mr. Neal is an employee of Ply Twisting Department.

## In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Headen, 75, of Toccoa, Ga., died Wednesday, January 5. Mrs. Headen was the grandmother of Pauline Buchanan, Earl Buchanan, Irene Williams of Weaving Department, and J. C. Buchanan of the Plastic Dip Department. Sympathy is extended to the family.

## Bowling Etiquette

1. Do not lean over the rack and pick up your ball if a bowler on the adjoining alley is addressing the pins. You should remain courteously out of sight until your opponent makes his or her delivery.

2. If two bowlers on adjoining alleys are both ready to bowl at the same time, the bowler on the alley to the right should be given the privilege of bowling first.

3. When delivering the ball, use only the width of your own alley for any "contortions" or "body english" in which you wish to indulge.

4. Do not talk to a bowler while he or she is addressing the pins or try to distract him by yelling or whistling at him.

5. Every bowler should try to remain back of the foul line at all times.

6. Every bowler should learn to keep score. When you are bowling, it's advisable to keep a check on your own score, but don't be unsportsmanlike and make a nuisance of yourself by pestering the scorekeeper. Everyone should try to be a good sport at all times. It's easy to be a good winner, but it takes a lot of sportsmanship to be a good loser.

During the last year, suggestions ranged from a \$10 suggestion for increasing the length of a ventilating duct to remove fumes and thus improve working conditions, to a large award of \$1,100 paid to S. H. Robinson, an employee at the Noblesville, Indiana, plant for a new type of timber for use on presses for semi-pneumatic tires.

Five plants had adoption rates of more than 40 per cent. They were Port Elizabeth, South Africa, with 54.9 per cent; Akron Mechanical Building, with 46; Akron Plant 3 with 42.7; Wyandotte, Mich., with 42.2, and Akron Steel Products with 41.9.

The Des Moines, Iowa, plant led all plants for participation, with 731 suggestions per 1,000 employees. The Los Angeles, California, plant was second with 649.

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