

NEWS IN BRIEF

Office Of Superintendent

Miss Llew Adams spent Sunday, June 5 at Lake Lure and Chimney Rock, N. C.

Frank Gurley, third shift superintendent, has returned to work after one week of vacation.

Miss Sue Van Dyke spent Sunday, June 5th, at Camp Firestone with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rosetta Van Dyke, battery hand, Mr. Van Dyke and their family.

Personnel

Employees of Personnel Department and their families enjoyed a weiner roast, June 3, at the home of Mrs. Nellie Stowe.

Mrs. Nellie Stowe and her husband, Carl, had as visitors from Sault Centre, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Everette Parks, and children, Dick, Marilyn and Judy.

Miss Beatrice Bradshaw, Time Study, and Miss Polly Beaver, Quality Control, spent four days in May visiting A3/C J. L. Beaver in Biloxi, Miss. They also visited in Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, La.

Thomas Grant, Time Study, Mrs. Grant, Don and Sharon visited Mrs. Grant's sister, Mrs. Harold Mauldin, in Lavonia, Ga., in late May.

Miss Barbara Abernathy, Personnel, spent the week end of June 4 with her family at Carolina Beach, N. C.

Mrs. Grace Reeves, visiting nurse, her husband, J. B., and their two children, Ike and Jean, spent the week end of June 11 at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

New employees in this department are: James D. Moss, student at State College who is working in Time Study during the summer months; Bill Eaker, who will assist in Industrial Relations; and Bob Purkey, who will be Assistant to the Recreation Director. Mr. Purkey was transferred from the Warehouse to this department.

Mrs. Fred Honeycutt, mother of Mrs. Flora Pence, Personnel, and Sam Honeycutt, Quality Control, is spending the summer visiting two of her sons in Hamilton, Ohio, and Newark, N. J.

Shop

Roller Shop Foreman Paul Walker, Mrs. Walker, and their son, Dariel, left June 4 to spend three weeks in San Diego, Calif., with Mr. and Mrs. David Brown. Mrs. Brown is the former Martha Walker.

Electrician Floyd Hogan, Mrs. Hogan and family left June 11 to spend two weeks with Mrs. Hogan's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Rice Hogan in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Peggy Myers of Washington, D. C., spent the week end of May 28 with her mother, Mrs. Rosie Francum, tool room clerk.

William Henry Sparrow, student at State College, Raleigh, spent the week end of May 15 with his parents, Yardman Frank Sparrow and Mrs. Sparrow. William is a member of the 1955 graduating class at State College.

Electrical Supervisor Edgar Taylor and family spent the week of May 8 with Henry Hughes in Gainesville, Fla. Mrs. Clarence Hughes, mother of Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Hughes, accompanied them to Florida where she will make her home with her son.

Winding

Mrs. Bernice Roland, creeler, is out from work due to an accident which occurred while visiting in Western North Carolina mountains.

Mrs. Corene Lewis, winder tender, and her husband visited recently in Charleston, S. C.

Spooling

Pearl Welch, spooler tender, visited her brother, James Ingle, in Salem, N. J. while on vacation recently.

The employees of the Spooling Department welcome Lucille Fowler, spooler tender, to this department.

Warehouse

J. C. Rainey, brother of Roosevelt Rainey, has returned to his home after being in the Gaston County Colored Hospital.

John Verdery left June 12 for Camp York, South Carolina, where he will spend his vacation.

Albert Meeks and Mrs. Meeks recently visited their son, Bonnie Meeks and his family in High Point, N. C.

Fred Morrow, Warehouse Overseer, Mrs. Morrow and their daughter, Martha, attended the graduation exercises at Belmont Abbey College on June 7th. Fred Morrow, Jr. was a member of the graduating class receiving his B. A. Degree in Business Administration.

Main Office

Mrs. Gene Alexander, main office, recently entertained at her home on Ridge Avenue, her two small sons, Larry and Paul, Jr., with a birthday party. The children had refreshments and played games.

Two new employees in the Main Office are Mrs. Patricia Jones and Miss Jacqueline Cooper.

Mrs. Helen Craig, former member of the Payroll Department, has returned to work during the summer months.

Mrs. Beatrice McCarter, Main Office, and Howard McCarter, Spinning Department, had as their guest recently, their nephew, Jimmie Woodard of Waynesville, N. C. Also Mr. and Mrs. McCarter had their

Employees Contribute To Red Cross Blood Bank

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A total of 123 persons volunteered to donate blood to the American Red Cross bloodmobile during its scheduled visit here from 11 a. m., to 5 p. m., May 26. Of this number 93 were Firestone employees.

During the visit of the bloodmobile here, Mrs. Edith Parker, Executive Director of the Gaston County Chapter of the ARC, supervised the serving of refreshments to all who volunteered blood.

As usual, the bloodmobile was attended by a staff of volunteers in addition to the regular Red Cross personnel. Serving as helpers during the recent visit were:

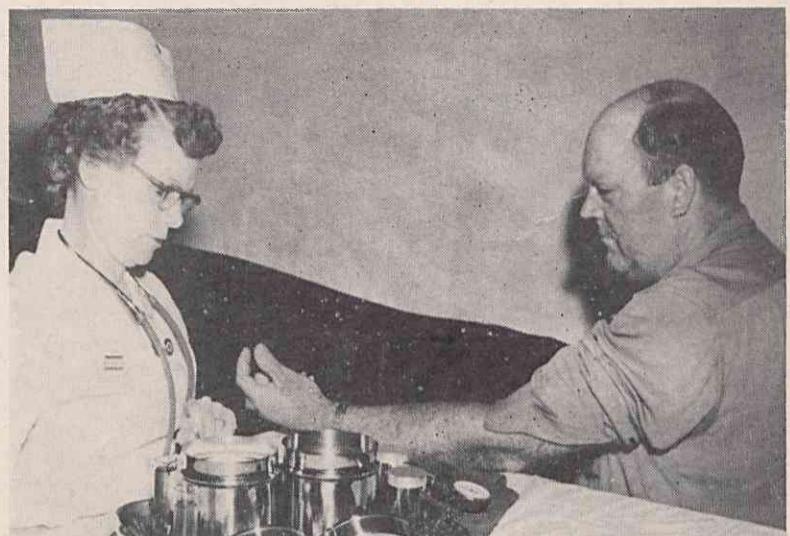
Jerry Howie, Jeter Patterson, Grady Robinson, A. D. McCarter, Robert Wallace, Lawrence Burke, Charlie Robinson and Norville Johnston.

Mesdames James Cooper, F. C. Walker, W. R. Turner, Sr., E. J. Mechem, C. D. Houser, Howard Baldwin, Robert Pence, W. C. Hippis, W. C. Neel, H. A. Cauthen, Carl Stowe, Sr., Zula Eisenhower and Grace Reeves.

Following is a roster of those who volunteered their blood during the May 26 visit of the bloodmobile:

Elbert B. Panter, Belon D. Hanna, Thomas Ruff, Jr., Marshall N. Ramsey, Cole L. Whitaker, Robert S. Bryant, Henry G. Church, George Dow, Jim Burdette, John S. Mitchell, Thomas W. Turner, John W. Hartgrove, W. T. Turner, Sr., Henry L. Jenkins.

Luther C. Brown, Horace C. Robinson, Roland E. Conrad, Carl B.



RED CROSS NURSE Sara Prather interviews Henry G. Church, Carding, after taking his blood sample.



VOLUNTEER WORKERS prepare records and make ready blood bank containers. From left, Mrs. C. D. Houser, whose husband is in Cord Weaving; Bobbie Baldwin, Personnel; Flora Pence, Firestone News typist.

Guffey, Thomas B. Irock, Jr., William G. Hicks, Henry F. Sparrow, Corrie H. Johnson, Luther R. Foy, Alfred H. Caskey, Alvin V. Riley,

Neil Broadway, Alfred C. Kessell, Raymond Mack.

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Quality Wins Customers, Makes Jobs Secure

Manufacturers who make products from yarn and fabrics such as is supplied by Firestone Textiles, demand highest quality. And for a good reason.

Defects in yarn and fabric can be of a serious nature, which may call for a visit by a plant technician to the customer's plant to investigate complaints. This could mean expense in time and money lost, plus delays in production and poor quality goods from the customer's plant.

But such a visit could be educational. Here the technician can see how the yarn or fabric is processed and be able to better understand why top quality is a must.

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TO ILLUSTRATE a particular defect in a cotton product made at Firestone, let us suppose that a customer is buying a plied yarn of coarse count. He has asked that

the yarn have a high tensile, and be mostly free of knots and slubs. Upon receiving the order, he notifies Firestone that the yarn has too many slubs and knots, that because of this the quality of his product has been lowered.

Someone from our mill is sent

to the customer's plant to look

into the complaint. He finds that

the plant is weaving tufted ma-

terials such as carpets, bedspreads,

towels, and other specialties. The

fabric is tufted on machines up to

208 inches wide. Cones of yarn

from a multiple-end creel are

threaded through needles similar

to those on an ordinary sewing ma-

chine. When you consider that slubs

or large knots will break back in

the needles, you can understand

the customer's problem.

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A SLUB is one of the biggest trouble-makers in cotton yarn,

especially in the tufting industry. Also, it is often the culprit in defective goods in the weaving, knitting and sewing thread trades.

Usually a slub is caused by men rather than by machines. How may the number of slubs be reduced? On spoolers or winders by setting the slub catches very close. But even in this there is a danger of chafing the yarn and increasing the number of knots—and this can be as serious as slubs themselves.

The person on the job can play a vital role in reducing slubs. The employee can take care in cleaning machinery, do a good job in creeling and piecing up in the carding and spinning operations, and reclaiming and removing defective roving or yarn from spindles near broken ends. Above all, attention to the job and making sure that equipment is kept in top working order will go a long way toward eliminating slubs.

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QUALITY DEPENDS on ma-

chines, but primarily on those who

run them.

What happens when a company maintains highest quality in its products? It earns and keeps a good reputation in the market. It keeps its old customers while winning new ones. It sells goods. And every one, down the line to the individual worker, has employment security and the satisfaction of a job well done.



QUALITY CONTROL MANAGER R. B. Hull discusses points of good workmanship as concerns a section of chafer fabric, here being inspected by employees of the Spinning Department and Cloth Room. From left, Hattie Taylor, Margie Waldrop, Bonnie Moses, Mr. Hull and Minnie Johnson.

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It cost as much to make goods of second quality as it costs to make them of first quality.