

Plant Paper Has A New Face

Have you noticed the "new look" in your plant newspaper?

Beginning with the October issue, **Firestone News** was converted from a twice-a-month, four page publication to a once-a-month paper to be issued 12 times a year. With the change came a "new dress" in the paper's appearance, made possible by the equipment of a Charlotte printer.

When the first issue of **Firestone News** came from the press on May 5, 1952, Firestone Textiles became the sixth plant in the Firestone organization to have an employee publication. Since that time three more papers have been added to Company plants in the United States, and one for the Firestone Company subsidiary in Hamilton, Canada.

THE INITIAL issue of the plant paper here was devoted primarily to a review of the Company's first 17 years of operation in Gastonia. Then, as now, the purpose of the paper is to publish the plant news concerning employees and of happenings in the Firestone community; to inform of Company activities, products and processes; safety achievements, recrea-

tion; and other items of general interest and importance.

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FOR THE THIRD consecutive year, **Firestone News**, Gastonia, has shared with the other Company papers in the United States, recognition for distinguished service, through awards of the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa. These citations have been awarded Company newspapers for "outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American Way of Life." The object of the Foundations awards program is to honor outstanding efforts to improve public understanding and appreciation of our basic Constitutional Rights and Freedoms inherent in the American Way of Life.



Rebecca Mack



Janet Whitener



Michael Brown

Crowned Royalty At Three Harvest Festivals

Three children of Firestone employees were "crowned royalty" at harvest festivals held in schools in and near Gastonia, on Halloween, October 31.

Crowned as king of Abernethy School was Michael Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Brown,

907 West Fifth Street. Michael, six years old, is in his first year at Abernethy. His father is employed in the Laboratory.

Rebecca Mack, daughter of Raymond E. Mack, Laboratory, and Mrs. Mack, East Oakwood Road, reigned as queen at Rhyne

School, Jenkins Heights. She is in the fifth grade.

Janet Whitener, daughter of Tracy Whitener, Weaving; and Mrs. Whitener, Rayon Weaving, was chosen queen at Robinson School on Union Road. She is in the fourth grade. The Whiteners live on Union Road.

EMPLOYEE IS INSTRUCTOR

Music Opens New World For Sightless Boy

The strains of Christmas carols drifted from an accordion, down the tile-covered corridors of the Orthopedic Hospital. People stopped to listen. Behind that music was Leslie Hill, an 18-year-old lad who does not see in the physical sense, but who has an undimmed vision of a road ahead.

EVER SINCE the Gastonia Lions Club purchased for him the accordion it has been more than Leslie can do to leave the instrument under his bed.

It was in 1952 when Leslie's father asked him if he would like an accordion. The boy would love it.

Then, for months he struggled along, trying to learn through experience. The president of the Gastonia Lions Club became interested in Leslie. So he helped make arrangements to have accordionist Angelo Androlake to give him lessons.

ANDROLAKE, in the Multi-Stage Nylon Unit at Firestone, has for several months now been going once a week to help Leslie along with his ambition. The lessons, begun last fall, have helped the boy, though bedridden, to manipulate the primary stages of learning and to glide smoothly into the secondary.

Leslie has been in the hospital for several

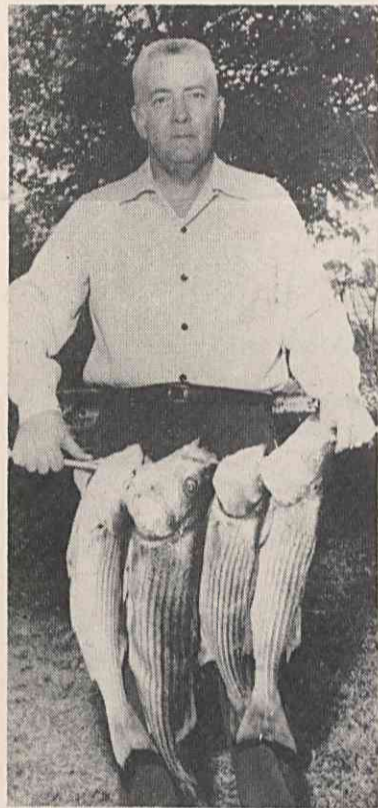
months. In a wreck some time ago, he came out of it with a broken arm and two broken legs. The arm healed but the legs became infected. So he is in the hospital, hoping soon to be able to walk again.

ALTHOUGH sightless since 18 months old, he has moved up the school ladder with success, and is now in the ninth grade at the hospital. He entered the first grade and then was interrupted until he was 11 years old. When he went back to school his skill and background placed him in the fourth grade. He was out several years more before coming to the hospital, where he was placed in the sixth grade. While here, he has made four grades.

"I hope to go to Raleigh to the school for the blind and study music. Then someday, I'll hope to be a professional musician," he says.

Mary Melchor, occupational therapist at the hospital, has been a great help to Leslie. An accordionist herself, she, before leaving the hospital recently for another assignment, took special pride in helping the youngster solve the problems that confronted him.

And Angelo Androlake, his faithful instructor, is contributing no small measure to a courageous boy's dream of success.



FROM OUT THE DEEP—Ernest D. Bagwell, overseer in **SYC Weaving**, recently took a trip to Santee-Cooper River in South Carolina and brought back ample evidence of his visit. His catch of striped bass ranged in weight from five to 12 pounds. Total weight was 27 pounds.

Party For Women In SYC Weaving

Mrs. Audrey Mathis, smash hand, won first prize in the costume contest which was a feature of a Halloween party attended by women of first shift **SYC Weaving**, at the home of Mrs. Jane Rice, smash hand.

The party honored the birthdays of Mrs. Myriel Horton and Mrs. Alene Smith, both battery hands in **SYC Weaving**. It had as decoration motif a t u m n leaves, dried plants, balloons and light from a pumpkin jack-o-lantern. All who attended wore costumes.

26 Years Absent, Son Visits Father

Twenty-six years is a long time for relatives to suspend their visits, so thinks Ernest Case, oiler on third shift **Spinning**. It was a happy reunion when W. C. Case, son of the employee here, came visiting recently. He brought along Mrs. Case and their small son. They live in Alabama.



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LESLIE HILL: FAITH IN THE ROAD AHEAD

At left, Angelo Androlake helps Leslie to advance in skill with the accordion. The teacher, of the Nylon Dip Unit here, instructs the boy in a session once each week.

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Industrial Nurses Attend Quarterly Meeting Here

Twenty-eight members of the North Carolina Association of Industrial Nurses toured the plant here as a part of the day's program, when Firestone was host to the third quarterly meeting of the Association Saturday, October 29.

The registered nurses engaged in industry heard Dr. G. R. Miller speak at 11 a.m., and were guests at lunch in the Girls Club at noon. The plant tour began at 1 p.m.

DURING the afternoon session, A. T. Crumbley discussed "Nurses' Relations with Industry, Employees, Doctors, and Insurance Companies."

A business meeting was conducted at 3 p.m., with Association President Lois R. Anderson presiding.