

"Firestone Textiles Represented In SQC"

R. B. Hull, Quality Control Manager here, represented the Plant at a general conference on statistical quality control, at the general offices of the Company in Akron, last November 1, 2 and 3.

The SQC meeting brought together representa-

tives from all Firestone plants in the United States and Canada. The first day was spent at the meeting of the American Society for Quality Control in Cleveland and the next two days at the home offices in Akron.



SQC MEN MEET — Around the conference table, from left, are: T. L. Baldwin, Akron; R. B. Hull, Gastonia; P. F. Cook, Noblesville; Grant Haney, Ravenna; J. G. Kowalski, Fall River; R. J. Wendt, Los Angeles; G. M. Baker, Akron Xylos; Donald Kallstrom, New Bedford; R. J. Luebbers, Akron; W. E. Moore, Akron; G. W. Becker of Akron, who directs the program; D. E. Dean, Akron; J. A. Smith, Hamilton; H. S. New-

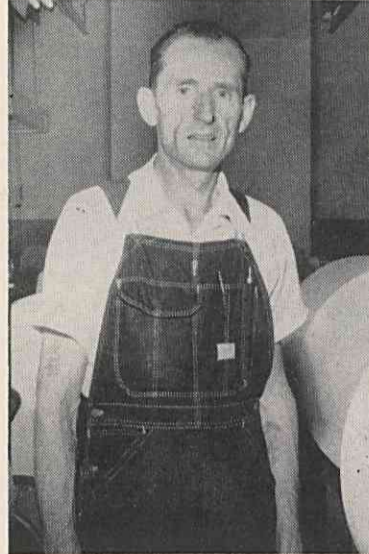
man, Pottstown; O. J. Trahan, Lake Charles; A. D. Story, Wyandott; J. W. Goulden, Des Moines; W. W. Heiskell, Memphis; and R. E. Lange, Akron. Left to right standing and seated behind the table are: H. D. Crotts, A. M. McCollister, A. M. Lancaster, Robert Pomper, H. H. Deist, C. R. Wykoff and W. H. Corba, all of Akron; W. O. Thompson, Akron Steel Products, and K. W. Fairchild, Akron Xylos.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Peace, Good Will And Brotherhood Chief Hope For New Year Of 1956



These six persons in the plant express themselves on the question: "If you had the privilege of making a New Year's wish that could be realized on a world scale in 1956, what would that wish be?"



Arvel R. Laughter, Cord Weaving—Prosperity among all people, regardless of their position, would help to bring happiness. One of the chief causes of war is hunger. If the underprivileged of the world could be fed, that would help to bring peace.



Evelyn Mayfield, Laboratory—If all people everywhere would know the principle of the Golden Rule and truly practice it, we would live in the nearest thing to heaven on earth, without fear of war, strife, hate and all other such evil things.



BOILER TENDER AND "MUSEUM"—Robert Passmore looks at the original clock used to keep time for the plant. This is one of more than a dozen items in a collection associated with the history of Firestone Textiles.

History Of Plant Recalled In Boiler Room 'Museum'

While you were spending the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays away from your regular job at Firestone, Robert Passmore was at the plant tending the equipment in the boiler room and doubling as watchman.

But what's more, he has been spending his Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays on the job for the past 20 years, and for good measure, has spent 19 Fourth of July holidays at his working post.

Passmore got his introduction to the ways of steam boilers as a sawmill man around his boyhood home at Marble, near Murphy, N. C. After coming to Gastonia in 1918 and becoming employed at the plant some five years before Firestone acquired it in 1935, he has worked as a mill-

wright, cloth calenderer, elevator operator, then boiler tender.

DURING HIS YEARS in the boiler room, Passmore has brought together a collection of mementos associated with the history of Firestone in Gastonia. Included in this display of historical pieces are: The first clock used to keep time for the mill, original steam gauge used on the mill boiler, the first boiler whistle and its cord, a lubricating device for the first steam engine. Others are: a wooden handle used to turn on the power when the first power house was installed, a crank which operated the original coal stoker, a 1902 machinist hammer from the Shop, and a tool to regulate the water in the mill's first boiler.

Daughter Born To Brimers

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brimer announce the birth of a daughter, Beverly Jean, November 28 at Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Brimer is a spooler tender.



Jan Renee is the name of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell Ford's daughter, born December 7 at Gaston Memorial Hospital. The mother is the former Janet Sue McCarter, daughter of Howard McCarter, Spinning; and Mrs. McCarter, Payroll.



It was a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Billie Gamble, with arrival on November 18 at Gaston Memorial Hospital. The father works in the Shop.



William Ray Mathis of the Carding Department, and Mrs. Mathis became parents of a son, November 25, at Garrison General Hospital. The child has been named William Ray Mathis, Jr.



A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rogers, November 19. Mr. Rogers is in Rayon Weaving.

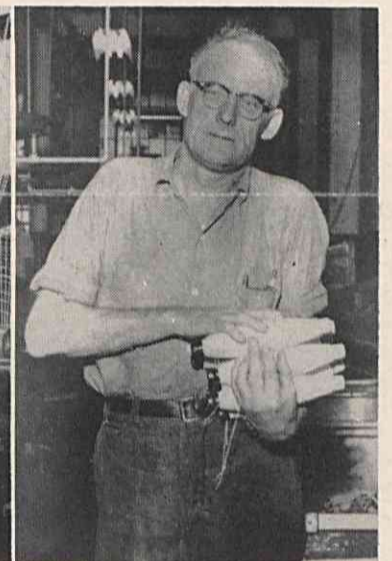


Robinson Gomez Herndon arrived last November 14. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Herndon. The father is employed in the Warehouse Opening Room.

Among items of personal sentiment are framed operating records of the antique boilers and a photograph of the great steam engine which furnished the Mill's power before conversion to electricity. A 1935 Christmas card with a dollar bill—gift of Harvey S. Firestone, Company Founder—is the most prized item of his "museum" collection.



Katie Elkins, Ply Twisting—The brotherhood of man, based on Christianity. The principles which are taught by Christ form the only foundation for our assurance of peace and happiness within our own hearts and among nations.



John Silks, Spinning — Good will among men would bring harmony between every man and his neighbor. This would be the Golden Rule in practice—of doing unto others as we would have others do unto us. People of good will could change the world.



EMORY BEAVER, Carding—If people everywhere could be converted to a genuine faith in Christ, the great problems of life, for the individual and for nations, would be solved. What a wonderful place this world would be if the spirit of Christ reigned in our hearts!



Minnice Millwood, first floor Splicing—World peace in 1956 is my wish. First of all, we would need peace in our own hearts, so that we could treat each other as neighbors, then countries made up of good neighbors would bring world peace in the year of 1956.