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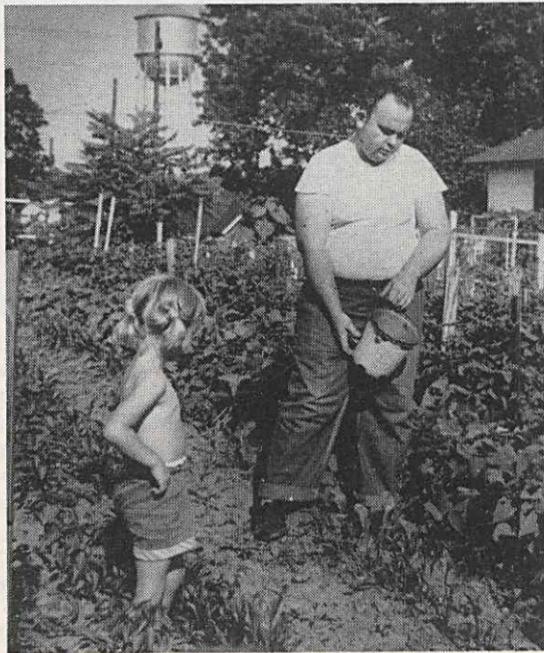
The way to love anything is to realize that it might be lost.

—G. K. Chesterton

Let others praise ancient times;

I'm glad that I was born in these.

—Ovid (c.2 B. C.)



## SOME GOOD GARDENS DESPITE DROUGHT

Of the many employees who are part-time farmers and gardeners, Clarence Weaver, Carding; and Frank Capps, Weaving, represent those who have had success with their projects in spite of dry weather this summer. At left, Weaver looks over ripening tomatoes, okra and cabbage

growing behind his residence at 1002 West Fifth avenue. With him are daughters Carolyn, left, and Judy. At right, Capps applies life-saving water to his 1103 West Third avenue garden, as niece Cynthia Capps looks on.

## Quoting Aright President Karl —

In reporting the commencement address of Firestone Textiles President William A. Karl, at the N. C. Vocational Textile School, Belmont, June 13, the July issue of Firestone News was in error on one statement.

Mr. Karl was quoted as saying, "There is no difference between knowledge and education . . ." Actually, the correct statement was, "There is a difference between knowledge and education."

## N. C. State Service Office Doing Research In Textiles

A recently-established technical service office at the Vocational Textile School, Belmont, will place the textile industry in closer touch with a research program, and take results of research to the industry.

The center is manned and operated by the School of Textiles of North Carolina State College, Raleigh. It was established at the Belmont school, a branch of State College, so it would be in

the heart of North Carolina's cotton textile industry.

Ralph Barnard, member of the school staff since 1952, is in charge of the research office. He will visit textile plants and work with their personnel in applying various phases of research now being conducted at the School of Textiles, Raleigh.

Field work will be done on a limited basis until the field program can be expanded, according to William A. Newell, coordinator of Textile Research at the State College School of Textiles.

## Continue Studies At NCVTS

J. C. Mahaffee, Rayon Twisting; and Bobby A. Rogers, Rayon Weaving, are enrolled for classes at the summer term of North Carolina Vocational Textile School, Belmont. Both employees received diplomas at the June 13 commencement. In the summer term, Mahaffee is taking Course II in Yarn Manufacturing; Rogers, Course I in Knitting.

The summer program at the school began July 2, for morning shift only. New classes on the afternoon shift, 3 to 6:30, will begin September 4.

Young men employed in textile mills who hope for promotion, and who realize that technical training will be of great value to them, are urged to take advantage of this opportunity for study and training, beginning in September. The school office during the summer months will be open week days from 8:20 a.m., until 4:30 p.m.

## Four Assigned New Duties Here



Five changes in supervisory and administrative personnel have been announced by General Manager Harold Mercer. Affected by the new assignments are Leonard B. McAbee, Alvin V. Riley, Charles A. McArver, James L. Ramey, and Charles M. Ferguson. Ramey has been transferred to the home offices in Akron. The other four have new assignments in the plant here.

**LEONARD B. McABEE**, for the past five years Director of Safety, has been assigned as assistant to the Director of Industrial Relations. He has been with the Company almost 20 years. In addition to his assignment in Safety, he spent nine years in Twisting and six years in Quality Control.

Along with his duties in industrial safety, McAbee has served as chairman of the Blue Ridge Safety Council, president of the N. C. Society of Safety Engineers, as a member of the Executive Committee, Textiles Section, National Safety Council. He has also served on the planning committee for the annual state safety school of N. C. State College, and on the program committee of the N. C. State Industrial Safety Conference.

He is a director of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, and is chairman of the Safety Committee of the C of C.

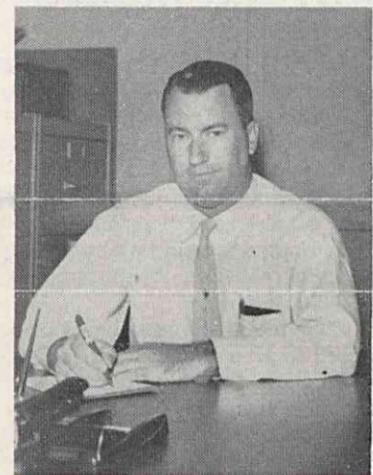
As a leader in Second AR Presbyterian Church, McAbee is

an elder and teacher of the Intermediate boys' Sunday school class.

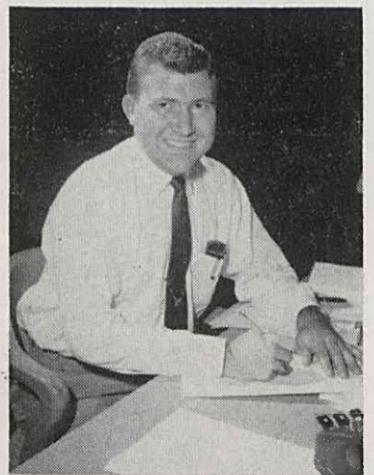
He is vice-president of the Wray Junior High School PTA, and past president of Abernethy PTA.

**ALVIN V. RILEY**, new plant Safety Director, has been working here for almost 15 years.

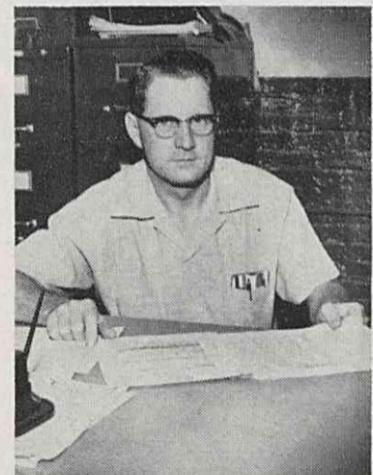
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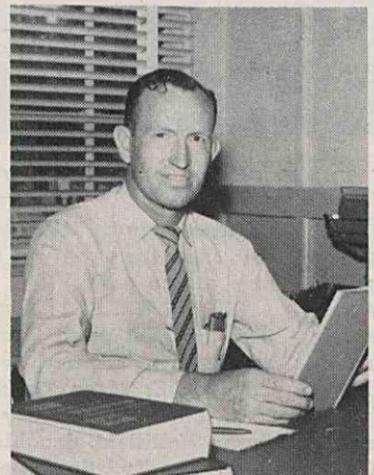
Leonard B. McAbee



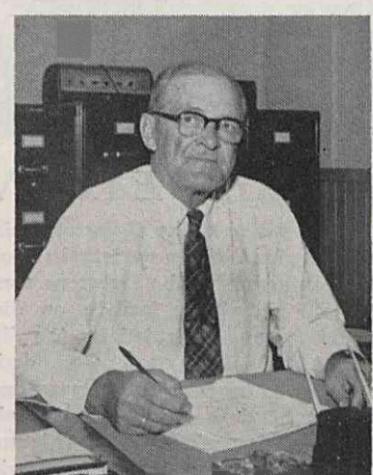
James L. Ramey



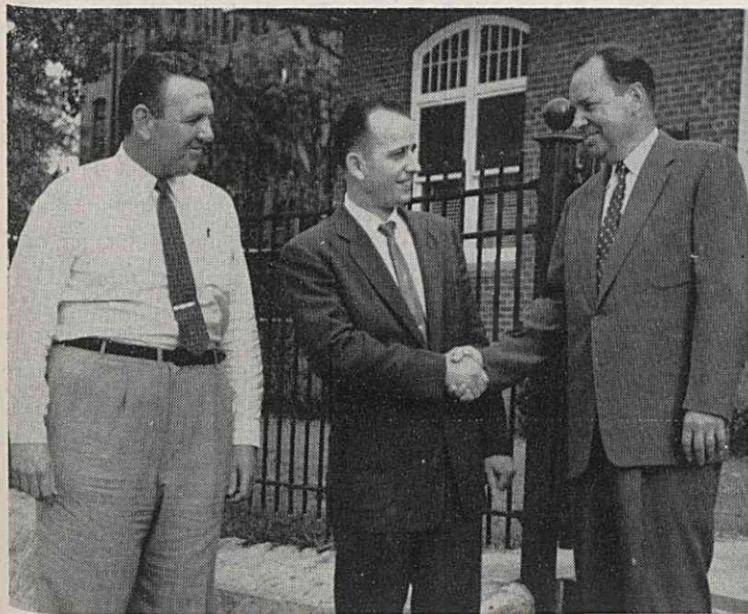
Charles A. McArver



Alvin V. Riley



Charles M. Ferguson



## OFF TO EUROPE AND ASIA

Clyde E. Moss, Assistant to the General Superintendent, offers good wishes to J. G. Tino (center), upon his departure from Gastonia on a trip to Europe and Asia, in the interest of Company textile operations. Assistant Superintendent William F. Gates was also present to express best wishes for the traveler. While abroad, Tino will spend some time at Balboa, Spain, where the Company has a fire plant and textile affiliate. After that, he will spend several months at the Firestone plant in Bombay, India, in an advisory capacity where tire fabrics are concerned. On the return trip he will stop at the Firestone plant in Switzerland, before leaving Paris for the United States.