

The craftsman is superior to the product of his craft.

—Philo (AD 40)

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At the end of the work you may judge of the workman.

—Thomas Fuller

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BACK TO SCHOOL — SAFELY

This little girl is going to school. She'll be crossing streets, getting on and off the bus, running home for lunch or at the day's end.

So, drive carefully. Drive slowly near her school. Don't pass her school bus when it's stopped.

Carol Wilkes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Wilkes, 203 Graham street, is in the second grade at Myrtle School this year. Her mother, Mary Wilkes, is employed in the Re-spooling Department.

Carol symbolizes all the children who will return to school within the next few weeks. Each child will appreciate your caution when you're driving.

ON TOUR OF PARKS

Akron Scouts Visit Plant, Camp Firestone

Four top-ranking Boy Scouts from the Southern District of Akron, Ohio, stopped in Gastonia August 22, for a tour of the plant, after which they were entertained at a luncheon. Accompanied by Harold Warffuel, Scouting Director of the Company's Akron plants, the scouts went from here to Camp Firestone, near Marion, for an overnight stay.

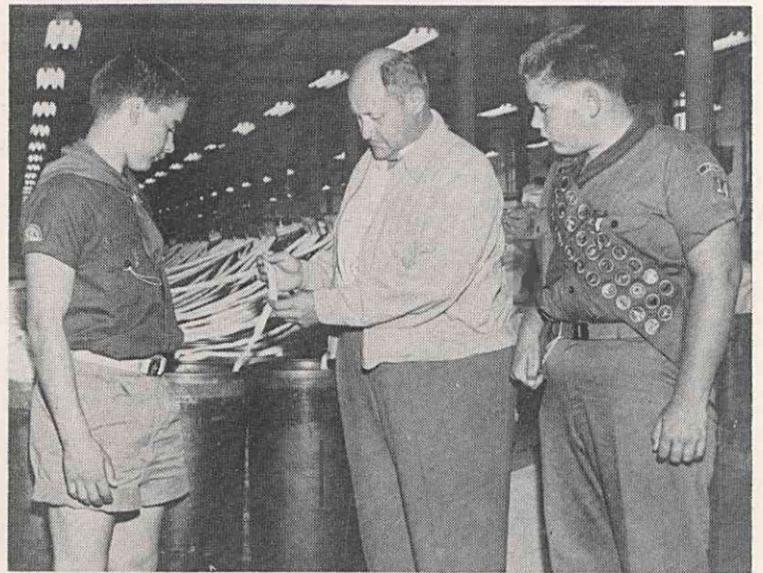
For the tour and luncheon here, the Akron scouts were joined by John Law Knox, 1956 Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Award winner at Firestone Textiles.

EACH YEAR the Company Scouting program provides special recognition for outstanding achievement in scouting in all cities of the United States where Firestone operates major plants.

At the headquarters plants in Akron the top scout each year receives a medallion representing the Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Award. Of the 50 Akron scouts honored annually, the three who rank next to the top award winner, are signally honored.

The roving camping tour each year is a part of the award for the four leading scouts.

In past years the winners have gone on canoe trips into Canada. This year, the 2,500-mile camping trip covered the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, —Turn to page 8



HAROLD WARFFUEL (center), Scout Director at the Company's Akron plants, holds the card sliver being fed into a drawing frame. Studying this carding operation with him are two 1956 Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Scouting Award winners. They are Anthony Cookro, Akron, (left); and John Law Knox, Gastonia.



LOOKING OVER a large roll of nylon tire fabric are Akron Boy Scouts (from left): Hugh Allen, Gordon Stump and Charles Truza. Floyd H. Whitaker (in background), explains the weaving process for this material destined for the huge multi-stage, high tensioning gum-dip unit at the plant here.

Ministers Find Profit In Pulpit Exchange

Two ministers — a Southerner and a New Englander — have a novel but practical approach to "that second summer vacation." The Rev. G. W. Bumgarner, pastor of Covenant Methodist Church in the Firestone community and the Rev. Ivan L. Nickerson, pastor of Liberty Methodist Church, Springfield, Mass., combined

work with pleasure for the three last Sundays of August, in an exchange of pulpits at the two churches.

For both clergymen, the experience added up to a fresh approach to their routine duties, plus new looks at two sections of the United States, some 1,000 miles apart.

WHILE the Firestone community minister, with Mrs. Bumgarner and children, Burton and Alice were in New England, they occupied the Liberty Church parsonage in Springfield. He presided over the Sunday services there during the three-week period, and performed the other regular ministerial tasks. And in between, the Bumgarners worked into the busy schedule some sightseeing around historic Boston and vicinity.

At the same time, the New England minister, together with Mrs. Nickerson and sons Mark and Scott, lived at The Covenant parsonage on North Highland

street in Gastonia. At the church the Rev. Mr. Nickerson preached and swapped other ministerial duties with the regular pastor. Besides, the Nickersons visited places of interest in the Carolinas and other parts of the South.

The visiting clergyman in Gastonia was educated at Wesleyan University and the Harvard Divinity School. He served pastorates for five years, taught Bible and English at Suffield Academy, Suffield, Conn., for two years, and is in his fourth year as pastor at Liberty Church, Springfield.

At Dedication

A number of women of Firestone families assisted in serving as hostesses at the open house and dedicatory program of the new Gaston County Agriculture Center, near Dallas, August 7.

Women from plant families who helped on the program are members of the Pisgah Home Demonstration Club.

Company To Grow Rubber In Brazil

Within six years the first yield of rubber latex is expected from the 3,000-acre plantation being established by the Firestone Company in eastern Brazil.

The rubber-growing project, near Ituberá, will supply the Company tire plant at Sao Paulo, 1,400 miles to the south, and other Brazilian plants. On a 12,000-acre site, the plantation is the Company's first in that country. The permanent work force is expected to number 1,000.

THE SITE was chosen because of the availability of labor, plentiful rainfall, stable climate, nearness to ocean transport and hydroelectric power, and the rich soil that thickly blankets the rolling hill country near Ituberá.

The land was surveyed for Firestone in early 1954. Since then more than 700 acres have been cleared and some acres planted with high-yielding rubber trees brought to Brazil from the Firestone plantations in Liberia, West Africa.

ONE BOUNDARY of the land is the Rio Serinhaem. At the base of its picturesque 200-foot falls is a hydroelectric plant that provides power for Ituberá, local industry and Firestone's plantation.

Across the river from the power plant, the Company plans to build a rubber processing factory. Here liquid latex will be preserved for shipment or coagulated and processed into sheet rubber.

Free Booklet On Eye Care

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness estimates that one in every four school children needs eye care, and that more than one million older Americans have the blinding disease glaucoma.

During September, "Sight-Saving Month," this non-profit organization will be glad to send you a free booklet on proper eye care. Write: PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS 1790 Broadway New York 19, New York