

FRUITS OF ENTERPRISE

Opportunity Whispers . . .



The Monthly Letter of the Royal Bank of Canada puts things exceptionally well. May we quote a few paragraphs from a discourse entitled "The Fruits of Enterprise"?

" . . . Enterprise is a positive, dynamic faith in the possibility of improving things, and in one's ability to do the job . . .

" . . . People can be divided into active individuals and passive individuals, into those eager for responsibility and action and those content to wait until action is forced upon them . . .

" . . . Opportunities do not exist in any particular industry or profession, but within men themselves. It is the men who determine the number of opportunities they will grasp. Some will waste their time waiting for a big opportunity while others are taking advantage of the little ones and are thereby preparing themselves for the great chance . . .

" . . . Some people have not learned the lesson, so well demonstrated throughout the history of business, that opportunity does

not bruise its knuckles knocking at a man's door; it doesn't shout, but whispers. Sometimes it has to be sought . . .

" . . . Courage is the essence of enterprise. Anything that moves around increases its risks and runs into danger; only the inert escape and they accomplish nothing. The timid find everything impossible; they never discover opportunity; they obey circumstances instead of creating and commanding them . . .

" . . . Hesitation is fatal to enterprise. It unnerves a man and dissolves his determination . . .

" . . . Even a man who is not a genius can achieve greatly if he has ambition, the initiative to start doing something about it, and the energy to apply himself industriously . . .

" . . . The man of enterprise will banish the idea of luck from his mind. He will accept every opportunity, however small to make progress toward his objective . . ."

Pretty good words to remember!

—Cleveland, Ohio, Plain Dealer

CANIPE-GLANCE

Mrs. Sadie Glance of the Twisting Department, announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Shirley Glance to Mr. James Canipe. Mr. and Mrs. Canipe are making their home on South Marietta street.

Sgt. Carr, who was until recently stationed with the army in Chicago, Ill., has been transferred as a cook to Walter Reed Hospital.

A/3C Jack McCraw, son of John McCraw, card tender, is spending a 30-day leave with his family in Gastonia. The airman was employed here at various times before entering the service. At his last period of employment here, 1950-1951, he worked in the Carding Department.

◆ ◆ ◆
Glenn Jones, son of Walter Jones, can hauler in Carding, left Gastonia July 31, to be inducted into the army.

IN SERVICE

Sgt. George D. Carr, Mrs. Carr, and their young daughter have returned to Washington, D. C., after a 30-day visit with Mrs. Carr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dawkins, both in the Carding Department.

Boy Scouts

—From page 1

Tennessee, Kentucky and the District of Columbia.

THE SCOUTS, traveling by Company car and camping in state and national parks at night, began the trip August 13 and returned to Akron August 25. Included in their visits to places of interest in the South were the restored colonial village of Williamsburg, Va., and historical shrines and government buildings in the nation's capital. At Williamsburg they attended a showing of the outdoor drama, "The Common Glory", before leaving for state parks in the Carolinas, and the plant visit here.

WORDS . . .

Conversation is an exercise of the mind. Gossiping is an exercise of the tongue.

It takes more than a thousand nuts to hold an automobile together. It takes only one to scatter it all over the highway. Knowledge, like timber, is best when well seasoned.



CHAMPIONS IN SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Firestone team in the Little Girls Softball League was the season's victor in seven games of play. Besides Firestone, the league was made up of teams from five other textile plants and one civic club. Members of the undefeated plant team are, from left: Vicky Bolick, Barbara Kilpatrick, Laura Ballard, Doris Treadway, Hope Matthews, Carolyn Kilpatrick, Dorothy Gaddis, Rita Starr, Marlene Hardy, Ann Gaddis and Patsy Brewer are absent from the picture.

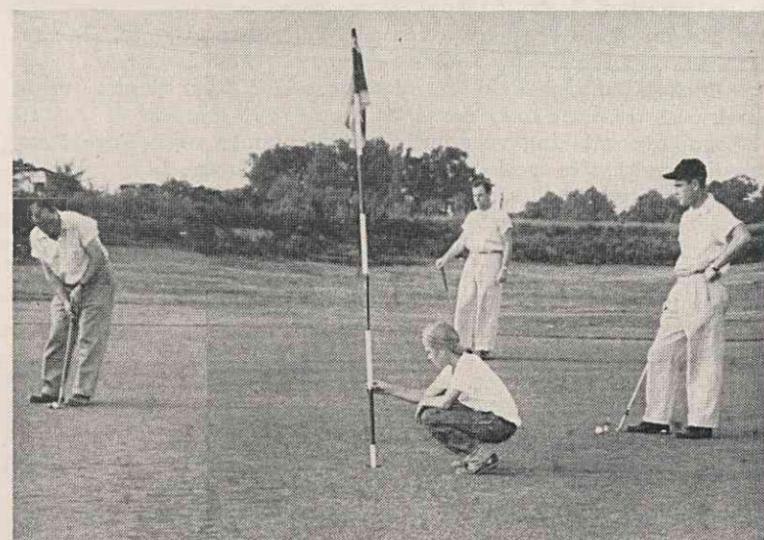
13-Inch Tires Now Available

If you own a foreign car with smaller diameter wheels than those on American autos, you can buy tires for it through Firestone dealers and stores.

These tires, made in tubed construction, and 13 inches in

diameter, can be purchased with either black or white sidewalls. Sizes available are 5.20x13, 5.90x13 and 6.40x13. Firestone dealers also have tires for foreign cars in 5.60x15 and 5.90x15 sizes.

Tires 14 inches in diameter will be used as original equipment on several makes of 1957 cars. American cars now use tires in 15-inch diameter.



THE INDIVIDUAL Golf Tournament, with 22 matches scheduled, opened August 17 at the Municipal Golf Course, and will conclude September 4. Staff Engineer I. S. Bull is defending champion. Fourteen men at the plant are playing in the tournament. In the photo are, from left B. J. Bumgardner, Cable Twisting; James Moss, Time Study; Bobby Purkey, Recreation; and Mike Jordan, (with hole marker).



EMPLOYEES SKILL HELPS MAKE A MOVIE

When Firestone personnel see the motion picture "Moby Dick", now showing in Gastonia area theatres, they will see in it a monument to engineering skill in which Firestone employees played an important part. Firestone workers at the Company plant in Bilbao, Spain, covered the huge "whale" for the movie with foamed latex material. The material was made in Bilbao, then sent to the set of "Moby Dick" in the Canary Islands. In the scene above, Captain Ahab (Gregory Peck), right, is seen with his chief mate Starbuck at an exciting moment, following an encounter with Moby Dick. The movie is based on the Herman Melville whaling classic.

FIRESTONE TEXTILES
P. O. BOX 551
GASTONIA, N. C.

SEC. 34.66 P. L. & R.
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
GASTONIA, N. C.
PERMIT NO. 29