



Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year

Free Enterprise

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which 36 to 46 cents goes to the workers who produce those materials. Nine cents goes for taxes, of which four cents is paid to government employees. Six cents goes for depreciation, maintenance, repairs and interest, two cents for advertising and one cent for research. That leaves 33 cents for the sales dollar of which the employees get 29 cents. The remaining four cents is profits, of which two cents is set aside for tomorrow's jobs by reserves to buy new machines and to expand the business.

THE REMAINING two cents is paid to the stockholders, who are the owners of the machines, the tools and the factory buildings which are used by the workers to increase their earning power. All told, approximately 85 cents out of every dollar of sales by manufacturers goes for salaries and wages.

"Let us tell the real facts

about who owns American business. Let us correct the impression that it is owned by a mere handful of individuals. Let us point out that under some other economic systems, industries are owned by the government. Over here industries are owned by the people. Every one of the seventy million Americans who has a savings account, each of the one hundred and fifteen million who has a life insurance policy, and each of the nine million who has shares of stock or industrial bonds, owns directly or indirectly a part of American industry.

"**ALL OF THEM** have a stake in American business," Mr. Firestone said, "and they should be among the first to insist that business concerns make profits. Otherwise, their savings accounts, their life insurance policies and their securities will be of little value. Anything that hurts business hurts them, personally and individually, because they are an integral part of business."

Six Teams In Basketball League

Six Firestone teams will play in Gaston County basketball leagues this season, which begins in early December. Participating teams in the leagues represent business establishments and industries in the county.

Playing from Firestone will be a men's team in the City League, a boys' team in the Intermediate League, a team for both boys and girls in the Biddy League, a team for teen-age girls, and one for women.

Answers . . .

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1. The Mass of Christ.
2. No. Christmas was strictly a religious holiday for the first seven centuries.
3. No. The custom is largely confined to countries of Teutonic origin.
4. "A Visit From St. Nicholas", better known as "Twas The Night Before Christmas," by Clement C. Moore.
5. Boniface, an English missionary to Germany in the

Eighth Century.

6. No. Before the Fifth Century, various dates were assigned to the holiday.
7. St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra in Lydia.
8. Melchior, Gaspar and Baltasar.
9. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Dunder and Blitzen.
10. It is an Americanization of the Dutch San Nicolaas, meaning St. Nicholas.
11. Red and green.
12. The Eve of St. Nicholas.

Variety Club Has Dish Garden Project

The Variety Garden Club, which meets in the Girls Club at Firestone, has as its fall and winter project the planting of dish gardens to be given to residents of the Gaston County Home at Dallas, and to shut-ins.

Dish gardens planted with narcissus and jonquil bulbs are being provided for each member of the County Home. Variety window gardens containing potted plants are being supplied shut-ins as the needs are made known to Club members.

This garden-planting effort is being carried on by the Club here in cooperation with the current emphasis on garden therapy by the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs.

"If, individually, we devote the same thought and energy toward waging and winning this battle of economic principles as we have in the past devoted to winning the battle of business survival, there is no power on the face of the earth which can destroy the American system of individual competitive free enterprise. By each doing his part we can and we will succeed in keeping America strong."

Magazine Honors Radio Globetrotter

A photograph and story of Bobby E. Smith were prominently placed in the November issue of QST magazine, international publication for amateur radio operators. The story recognized the son of John P. Smith, Cloth Room, for his outstanding public contribution as co-ordinator of the Gastonia area emergency communications program.

The photo in the magazine showed young Smith in bed at the controls of his short-wave station W4DRC, in the Smith home on Davis Park road. The "ham" operator has been bedridden since involvement in an automobile accident in 1946.

A little neglect can cause tragedy. Home fatalities head the list of accidental deaths. Check up, then clean up, paint up, fix up, to protect your family from expensive injury or fatal accidents. Make your home a safety star home.

New Home For Tech School

Extension Division, when Firestone Textiles General Manager Harold Mercer presented the property deed to the school.

The property is valued at \$250,000 to \$300,000, as appraised by the Institute's officials.

The donation of buildings includes the two Firestone dormitories and the area between them, heretofore known as the Recreation Center. The brick structures, containing approximately 40,000 square feet of floor space, will relieve the crowded conditions at the North Carolina State College school, operated here by the extension division of the School of Engineering.

When the property was officially donated to the school, C. C. Dawson, chairman of the advisory board of the Institute, stated that the Firestone gift would relieve crowded conditions, unite the school in a group of adjoining buildings, make room for expansion, and provide space for more recreational activities.

"From the standpoint of the Gaston Technical Institute, it would seem that this property is almost a life-saver," remarked B. T. Dickson, executive secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. "The buildings at 510 West Airline avenue have been wholly inadequate during the past two years, and the lot is not sufficiently large to permit additional buildings to be erected. Also the institute has been somewhat handi-

Employee's Sister Is Miss Optimist

Tommie Sue Barton, Gastonia's "Miss Optimist of 1956," is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Barton of 1959 Linwood road and the sister of Jerrie Barton, Main office. The mother of



"Miss Optimist" is a former employee in Quality Control.

The honor came to Miss Barton from the local Optimist club, which picked her to reign until next November.

SHE WAS selected by a committee led by Roland Bradley, lieutenant governor of the 18th Optimist District and past president of the local club.

As "Miss Optimist", Tommie Sue was official hostess during the National Optimist Week observance here in November.

"Miss Optimist" is a cheerleader at Ashley High School, where she is a senior this year. Eighteen years old, she has olive complexion, light brown hair and dark brown eyes. She participates in the young people's activities at Loray Baptist Church in the Firestone community. Her hobbies are swimming and bowling.

Last year's "Miss Optimist" honor went to Miss Beatrice Bradshaw, then a Time Study typist here. She is now Mrs. Randolph Falls of Ironton, Ohio.

Four To Sing In Oratorio

When the Gastonia performances of the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" are given this year, there will be four employees from Main Office singing in the choir. They are Misses Martha Kendrick, Helen Spencer, Myrtle Bradley, and Mrs. Eula Wilson.

This year's presentation of the immortal oratorio will be in two performances—December 8 at 8 p.m., and December 9 at 3 p.m., both at First Methodist Church.

The "Messiah" here will be led by Donald Plott, director of choral music at Davidson College.

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capped for lack of dormitory facilities.

"We are eagerly looking forward to the vastly improved facilities which the Institute will have in the Firestone property gift. We are sure that the school's growth and usefulness will be vastly increased thereby."

The newly-elected president of the University, William C. Friday, made this statement:

"The Consolidated University of North Carolina is very grateful to the Firestone Company for the magnificent gift of new quarters for the Gaston Technical Institute. These facilities will provide the Institute with the needed room for the program expansion and also provide the opportunity to train more young men in the classes offered there."

Dr. Carey H. Bostian, chancellor of North Carolina State College said:

"The magnificent gift will enable the Gaston Technical Institute to have quarters far superior to those at the old location. We are grateful to the citizens of Gastonia for providing quarters and for having cooperated with us in the operation of the Institute. The quarters have become very crowded and are inadequate for conducting a technical institute of an accredited nature. At the new location, we look forward—with the continued support of the people of Gastonia—to the operation of a fully accredited Institute."