



YOUR TRAVEL NOTEBOOK

Wilmington Offers History, Color In March

Flowers, festivals and a round of sports events herald the early arrival of spring to Mid-South resorts and the picturesque countryside of the Southeastern Coast of the Carolinas. From the coast to the Sandhills and the Piedmont, February has seen the blossoming of camellias against the rich green of holly, long-leaf pine and live-oaks. Now March brings the beauty of azalea time.

Camellias and azaleas in February and March set the stage for the spring flower parade, due to come into its full glory across North and South Carolina from coast to mountains, during April, May and June.



WITH THE ADVENT of spring on March 21, many Firestone travelers begin thinking of vacations and week-end trips in the out-of-doors. From now into late autumn, travelers may treat themselves to visits at picnic and play areas and places of historical interest — from among the many things to do and see in the Carolinas and elsewhere.

Famous homes and buildings in the Carolinas, for example, are great drawing cards from spring to fall. In the North State alone are more than 125 such attractions representing architecture dating from pre-Revolutionary days to the present. Buildings range from stately mansions and public structures in former colonial capitals to cabins typical of frontier days in the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains. A recently-revised and

abbreviated list of Historic Homes and Buildings in North Carolina may be had free by asking for Information Bulletin No. 108, Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh.

IN WESTERN North Carolina, the festival season gets underway with the 9th annual Mountain Youth Jamboree at Asheville, March 27-30. At this colorful event, youngsters from pre-school age to late teens demonstrate lively square dancing and clog dancing, and make music that has its origin in the folkways of their ancestors who settled the coves and hollows of the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains.

A visit to Wilmington is the suggested trip for Firestone travelers in March. The 10th annual Azalea Festival, March 28-31, celebrates the blooming of more than a million azaleas, for which the port city and plantations of the surrounding countryside are noted. During the festival, privately-owned gardens are open to visitors, and the gardens at Orton Plantation, Airlie and Greenfield Park — open the year round — are at their peak of attractiveness.

IF YOU cannot attend the Azalea Festival, there are still many attractions that will make it worthwhile for a stop in the historic port city. Among much-visited places of historical interest are:

Bellamy Mansion. Great-columned house built in 1859. It contains many original furnishings.

Cornwallis House, 180 years old. Said to have been used by the British commander as headquarters in 1781. Restored and now in use by the N. C. Society of Colonial Dames as state headquarters.

St. James Episcopal Church. Gothic revival, built in 1839. Contains a 540-year-old painting of Christ, taken from a pirate ship at Brunswick in 1748.

Main Office

Mrs. Joan Dalton has returned to work after a leave of absence. Before her leave of absence, she worked in the office of the plant Comptroller, but is now in the office of the plant Sales Manager.

Mrs. Brady Spencer, mother of Miss Helen Spencer, Payroll, has returned to her home after having undergone an operation in February.

Mrs. Eu'a Wilson, Payroll Supervisor, entertained with a drop-in party at her home, for some Kennet Square, Pa., guests who were on their way to Florida in late February. They included Mrs. Alfred Moulder, Sr., and her daughter, Topsy. Also Donnie Maxwell, fiancée of Miss Topsy Young. Mrs. Moulder, the former Mrs. Emmie Young of Gastonia, used to be employed at Firestone, but moved to Pennsylvania several years ago.

Spooling

Della Short, spooler tender, had as recent guests, Pvt. Graham Wilson and Pvt. Marshall Wilson of Fort Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Medlin, their son, and Mrs. Willie Lee Ballam of Louisburg, N. C., were recent guests of Ruth Medlin, spooler tender, and husband, Eddie of the Twisting Department.

D. A. Wiggins of Bryson City, N. C., spent a recent week with his daughter, Rosalie Burger, starter maker.

Mrs. Ollie Cothorn is visiting her son, Allen Gregory Cothorn and his family in the Republic of Panama. She left Gastonia February 4 and will remain through early May on the isthmus connecting Central and South America. Mrs. Cothorn's daughter, Hazel Hice, is a warper helper in Spooling. A son, John Cothorn, works in the Twisting Department.

Twisting

Thelma Hardy, tie-in hand, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Elliott McMillan, grandfather of Jerry McMillan, doffer, died Sunday, February 3, 1957.

Flay Hollifield, respooler, has moved into her new home at 906 West Second Avenue.

Sybil Biggers, respooler, moved to 411 West Fifth Street.

Carl Hudson is a patient in Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, N. C.

Mrs. Gladys Lancaster, respooler, and Charles, doffer, had as week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. James Wines and daughter. Mrs. Wines is a sister of Mrs. Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Palmer have moved into their new home at 2226 Glenraven, Richland Park.

Warehouse

Tom Meeks, brother of Albert Meeks, conveyor man, is visiting here from New York City.

Arthur Gordon, laborer, has returned to his home after several days stay in the hospital for an operation.

Henry Gordon, laborer, had as recent guests for a week end his son and daughter of Philadelphia, Pa.

Weaving

Mrs. Essie Honeycutt, battery hand, and husband, George, fixer, had as week-end guests in February Mrs. Honeycutt's sister, Mrs. J. W. Berry and husband of Valdese, N. C. Also visiting them were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Honeycutt of Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Posey, battery hand, and daughter Ann, visited Mrs. Posey's mother, Mrs. J. R. Ballew and other relatives in Picken, S. C. They went especially to see the latest addition to the Ballew generation, a nephew, Browning Bryant.

Misses Sherry Jones and Mary Jim Moss of Franklinville, N. C., spent a week end in February with Mrs. Jane Rice, change hand. Mary Jim Moss is a niece of Mrs. Rice.

Winding

Martha Woods, winder tender, and Mollie Grimsley, winder tender, were out from work due to illness in mid-February.

R. W. Hollis, husband of Blanche Hollis, winder tender, has returned to his home after undergoing surgery at a Durham hospital.

Miss Lola Wilson, creeler, has returned to work after a recent illness.

Mrs. Rosa Lee Black, creeler, has moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she is making her home. The employees in the Winding Department remembered her with a going-away gift.

Mrs. Miriam Cable is a new employee in this department.

Miss Bertha Dettmar visited her brother, Laynie Dettmar, in Kings Mountain, N. C., recently.

Glamour Not What It Used To Be

If you have glamour, you may or may not be able to answer the 64,000-dollar question on a TV quiz program. But time was when glamour and education meant one and the same thing.

Back in the 16th century it was unnecessary to talk of "Latin grammar" for that's the only kind there was. If a person knew his grammar he knew his Latin too.

CENTURIES ago, when few people in any community could read or write, one who was able to read and speak Latin was thought by the majority to have occult powers—with the ability to practice witchcraft and to work magic.

In Old England, one so gifted was said to have grammar. In Scotland, such a person had glamer, the word a corruption of grammar. The spelling evolved to various forms, as glammer, glamor and finally glamour.

In the present century the English-speaking world has enlarged upon the original sense of the term by glorifying the enchantment, while dropping the implication that education and glamour go hand-in-hand. There is even a swing in the other direction indicated in the adage, "Beauty and brains don't mix."

20,000,000th Tire At Des Moines

The Firestone plant in Des Moines, Iowa, produced its 20,000,000th tire on February 6. The event was celebrated with a plant tour and a luncheon that day for key public officials and representatives of the press, radio and television.

Those attending the event watched the 20,000,000th tire roll off the production lines. It was a 14-inch passenger car tire. Also shown was a Ground-Grip Non-Directional Tread Military Tire, the first type of tire produced at the Des Moines plant in April of 1945.

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WATCH OUT FOR MISPLACED OBJECTS ON FLOOR



Spilled water on a bathroom or kitchen floor can cause a painful slip. Small objects like children's crayons and playthings can bring about an unexpected fall. Even shoes left on the floor, or laundry temporarily left on the stairs, can cause a tumble. To avoid falls, always look where you are going, never rush, pick up or wipe up objects or liquids as quickly as possible from the floor, keep articles off stairways, use lights — never walk around in the dark. Prevent falls by doing something about things which cause falls.

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