

## GOING PLACES... SEEING THINGS

## Salem Village Retains Charm Of 18th Century

Festivals and jamborees, garden tours, flower shows, traditional Easter sunrise services and a host of other events add variation to the April travel calendar for Firestone employees.

Throughout the mid-South area within a few hours' travel from Gastonia, spring flowers take the spotlight on the April program. The North Carolina mountain flower season begins in April with the blooming of small ground varieties, and reaches its peak in late May and in June with mountain laurel, wild flame azalea and crimson rhododendron.

This month is peak season for spring flowers in the Sarah B. Duke Gardens at Durham; Reynolda Gardens of Winston-Salem; and Coker Arboretum, Chapel Hill. Into early April, you can view the showiest display of azaleas and dogwood on the South-eastern Coast, in the Sandhills resorts of Southern Pines and Pinehurst, and at the year-round resort of Tryon in the Blue Ridge foothills.



**THOSE INTERESTED** in nature lore will have opportunity to make the 7th annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, April 24-27. This event is sponsored by the botany department of the University of Tennessee, the naturalist division of the National Park Service, and the Gatlinburg, Tenn., Chamber of Commerce, with assistance from the Gatlinburg Garden Club.

The pilgrimage combines nature walks and hikes over park trails, motorcades to some less-frequented areas where spring flowers are usually profuse, illustrated nature talks in the evenings, and guided photo tours. Activities will be led by volunteer experts, either botanists, naturalists, or those skilled in the photographic arts. Pilgrimage headquarters will be Gatlinburg.

Shifting across North Carolina to the state's eastern coast — from the Outer Banks to the beaches near Wilmington and Southport—April is a top notch month for surf fishing. All ocean fishing piers open during the month. The mountain trout season begins April 6 and lasts through August 31.

**ARRIVAL** of the surf and sun season on the Outer Banks beaches will be celebrated April

26-28 with the Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree. The celebration, held each spring since 1955, features fishing contests, pony and jeep races, fish fry on Hatteras Island, model plane contests at Wright Memorial, Kitty Hawk; and the Pirates' Ball at Nags Head. A highlight of this year's program will be dedication of the William B. Umstead Memorial Bridge between Roanoke Island and Manns Harbor.

Easter in North Carolina is observed with sunrise services from coast to mountains. One of the nation's oldest is at Winston-Salem, where it has been held each year since 1772 in Salem Square and the Moravian Graveyard. Other outstanding Easter sunrise services on April 21 are: Wayah Bald, Franklin; Fields Of The Wood, Murphy; Mountainside Theatre, Cherokee; Blue Ridge, Daniel Boone Theatre, Boone; Hatteras Lighthouse, Hatteras Island.

**FOR FIRESTONE** travelers, this month's suggested trip is to the village of Old Salem, unusual survival of an early-American planned community. Perhaps you can make the trip at Eastertime, to attend the 185th annual sunrise service, then linger to relive some history in this 18th Century Moravian congregation town covering some 16 blocks in Winston-Salem.

Many Salem buildings have been in continuous use since before 1811; others have been rebuilt or returned to their original appearance since Old Salem, Inc., was formed in 1950 as a non-profit organization to restore and preserve Salem as a major historic site.

Three of the eight buildings restored since 1950 are open to the public. They are Wachovia Museum, containing the largest collection of antiques in America; John Vogler House, home of the village silversmith; and Salem Tavern, which looks as it did when George Washington visited it in 1791.

**SALEM** was founded in 1766, its builders former members of the Moravian colonies in Pennsylvania. Mostly of Germanic background, they patterned Salem after country villages of Germany. Hooded doorways, eyebrow-arched windows and graceful iron railings adorn many of the buildings of log and frame and red brick construction.

The village has continued as a center of the Moravian Church, the church teachings being interwoven with the life of the community.

Exhibit buildings in Salem are open each weekday and on Sunday afternoons. Visitors' information center is at 614 South Main street, Winston-Salem.



**TWO DECADES** of service were commemorated by Horace R. Hughes, Shop, in March. Here he is being congratulated by General Manager Harold Mercer, who presents him with a watch, customary gift of all persons who reach the 20-year employment milestone.

## AS OF MARCH...

## 20-Year Roster Has 256 Names

On March 12, Horace R. Hughes, Shop Plumber, became the 256th employee here to reach the 20-year service mark, in the 22 years the Company has operated the Gastonia plant. In recognition of his long employment, he has received the usual gold watch and 20-year service pin.

Next highest with long service records were seven persons who moved into the 15-year bracket. They are:

Hassie E. Honea, Spinning; Robert B. Bursleson, and Mamie J. Stevens, Rayon Twisting; Dorothy N. Couick, Bessie Beaver, Dixie M. Brockman and Lacy R. Nall, all Rayon Weaving.

Others in March who earned pins for service are:

**Ten Years**

Anderson Kimsey, Carding; David Lee Hill and Mary P.

Turner, Spinning; Hazel Hice and Hazel D. Newton, Spooling.

Jake A. Cogdill, Jack W. Faile, Marion C. Hughes and Guy O. Crawley, Rayon Twisting; Rishbeth T. Webb, Cotton Weaving; Humbert Harding, Shop; Alonzo Setzer and Samuel J. Smith, Warehouse.

**Five Years**

Ralph J. Johnson, Carding; Wilburn E. Summey, Edith L. M. Martin, Edgar Lee Byers and Jerry D. Keisler, Rayon Twisting. Norville Johnson, Shop; Grace D. Gilstrap and Ruth F. Morris, Cotton Weaving.

## Club Members To Lend Help In Homes And Gardens Tour

Members of the Firestone Variety Garden Club will be in charge of flower decorations at the Orthopedic Hospital during the Gastonia portion of the statewide North Carolina Homes and Gardens Tours this spring and summer. The local tour is scheduled for April 10 and 11. During that time, 12 outstanding homes and gardens will be open for public visitation here.

Nine women members of the plant garden club are scheduled to serve, at different times, as hostesses at the Orthopedic Hospital during the two-day program.

The tour of homes and gardens in Gastonia is a part of a schedule from early April into early summer, when privately-owned homes and gardens from coast to mountains in the state are opened to visitors. Proceeds go to the Elizabethan Garden on Roanoke Island, project of the Garden Club of North Carolina.

**TOUR DATES** in different parts of the state are not announced far in advance, because

they must coincide with peak blooming in the various localities.

Also in the Gastonia area, several outstanding homes and gardens of Kings Mountain will be open to visitors on April 11 and 12. Other communities scheduling tours within the next few weeks are, for April: Laurinburg, 3, 17; Red Springs, 13, 14; Lumberton, 17; Chapel Hill, 18; High Point, 20, 21; Yanceyville, 24; and in May: Fayetteville, 1; Pittsboro, 4.

The Variety Garden Club at the plant is a member of the Gastonia Council of Garden Clubs and is affiliated with the North Carolina Garden Club.

## Clean-up And Fix-up Week In April

Selection of a "Clean-up Queen" will be a special feature of Clean-up, Fix-up Week, scheduled for Gastonia April 14-20. The annual observance, promoted by the Chamber of Commerce, stresses beautification and safety in home, business and industry.

Each spring the program centers in planned emphasis on maintenance and repair and the spruce-up of buildings and grounds—to promote better and safer living in the community.

## IN MEMORIAM

H. O. Burns, Sr., died at his home in Camden, S. C., March 19, after an extended illness. The 74-year-old retired merchant and apiarist was the father of Mrs. Alvin Riley of Rayon Twisting.

The funeral was held March 20 at Hermitage Baptist Church, Camden—where Mr. Burns was a charter member and an honorary deacon—and burial was in the church cemetery.

Besides Mrs. Riley, Mr. Burns is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. R. Williams and Mrs. Edgar Deese of Camden; and six sons, Patrick of the Navy, stationed at Norfolk, Va., and Eddie, Norman, H. O. Jr., Michael and Johnnie, all of Camden.

Miss Frances Carolyn Harris of Dallas died February 17 after

## Recreation Slates Golf Instruction

Something new on the spring and summer sports and recreation program: A class in golf for women, set to begin around April 15.

Besides this new feature of the season's schedule from April through August, the agenda includes bocce, baseball, golf, softball, rifle target shooting, horse-

an illness of four months. She was the daughter of Bill Wilson Harris and Mrs. Harris, employed in the Winding Department.

Miss Harris had completed her studies at Dallas High School, and was to have received her diploma with the graduating class this year. Last September she had enrolled at Kings Business College, Charlotte.

Besides her parents, surviving Miss Harris are a sister, Billie Harris of the home, and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Harris.

Perry Phillips, who died at his home in Candler, N. C., February 10, was a brother of Mrs. Belle Blaylock, battery hand in SYC Weaving.

shoe pitching, marbles and tennis.

There will be departmental and inter-industry competition in softball, with teams arranged for men and women employees and for boys and girls of employee families.

Playground activities begin at the recreation area in front of the plant with the closing of schools in early June.

## At Judean Shrine Installation

Mrs. Everett J. Mechem, Worthy High Priestess, delivered the principal address at the installation of officers of Judean Shrine No. 13, at Masonic Temple, March 16.

Other members of Firestone families participating in the ceremony were R. B. Hull, Appointive Officer; W. R. Turner, Sr., Arthur Newton and Mrs. Arthur Newton, honorary officers; and Mrs. H. O. Eisenhower, Elective Officer. Mrs. Eisenhower is a retired Company employee.