

GOING PLACES... SEEING THINGS

History Lives Again At Jamestown Festival

This year America is celebrating the 350th anniversary of her birth. A trip to the colorful festivities at Jamestown, Va., the nation's birthplace, is at the top of the travel schedule for Firestone families anytime between May and late November.

The re-living of the country's beginning actually started in early April, when the first visitors were permitted to step back into the 17th century for a reminder of the establishment there on May 13, 1607, of the first permanent English settlement on the shores of the New World.

More than two and a half million persons are expected to visit the historic area around Jamestown during the Festival season which runs through November 30. The closing date marks the 175th anniversary of the Provisional Treaty of Paris, which sealed the victory at Yorktown and assured the American colonies of their independence from British rule.

The Jamestown Festival of 1957 has been long planned by both state and federal governments.

INCLUDED in the reminders of the early days of the colony are full-scale sailing models of the three ships which brought the first colonists to Jamestown. These models, moored in the James River, symbolize the struggles and accomplishments of the first colony, founded by John Smith, Christopher Newport and the men in their adventurous party.

The history of Jamestown is one of romance and adventure—of Captain John Smith's enterprises and his dealings with the Indians; of Pocahontas and her marriage to John Rolfe. It was at Jamestown that the first representative form of government was established in this country.

While Jamestown is the center of Festival events, much of the historical re-creation takes place at nearby Williamsburg and Yorktown. The Colonial Parkway connects the three locations.

At Williamsburg, Paul Green's drama, "The Common Glory", is being presented again after having run several summers. His new production, "The Founders", also is given in an outdoor theatre.

The John D. Rockefeller restoration of Williamsburg has added fame to its colorful history. The reconstructed Capitol, Governor's Palace, Public Gaol, Raleigh Tavern, and many other structures, craft shops and gardens repre-

sent perhaps the most remarkable historical restoration in this country.

AT YORKTOWN the surrender of Cornwallis to Washington—ending the Revolutionary War—is re-enacted for visitors. Uncovered ruins and other interesting objects belonging to that early period are exhibited.

There are also special events at Cape Henry and at Hampton Roads, where the Jamestown settlers landed for water and supplies before proceeding up the James River.

Adequate facilities are provided for the traveler who would relive history in this Old Virginia setting. Many old "taverns" and other places are available for food and lodging. Too, there are an information center and a parking area for 1,000 cars.

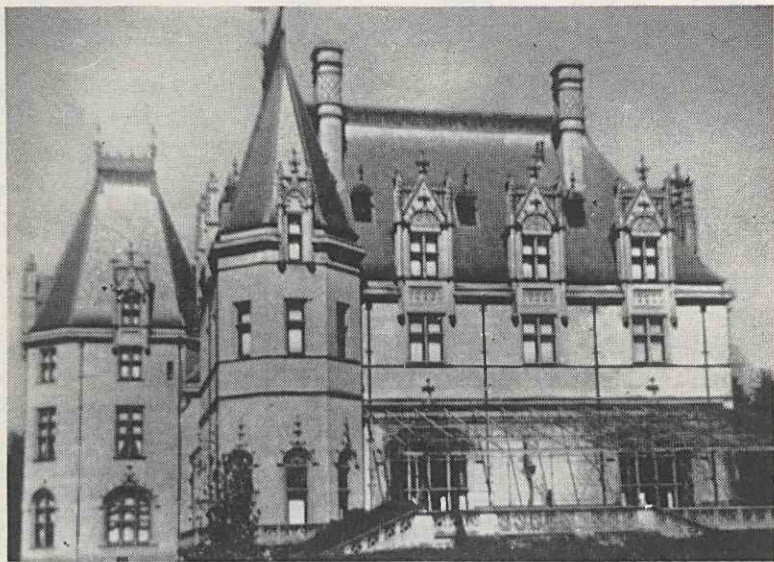
For Firestone persons, the plant travel information service has worked out a suggested motor route to the Jamestown Festival of 1957. From Gastonia, the distance is 322 miles over the following recommended route: U.S. 29 through Charlotte, and 70 to N.C. 49 near Burlington; N. C. 49 into Clarksville, N. C. 58 and U.S. 1 to South Hill; U. S. 1 to McKenney, N. C. 40 to Spring Grove, N. C. 10 to Surry, and Va. 31 into Jamestown. From there it is seven miles to Williamsburg and 12 miles over the Colonial Parkway to Yorktown.

FOR THOSE who like their traveling and sightseeing a little closer home, outstanding on the list of events in the Piedmont area is the Albemarle Centennial Celebration, May 11-18. A name for every day of the week and a scheduling of four parades have been announced. They are: Saturday, May 11: Saddle Club Day and Horse Show; 12: Faith of Our Fathers Day; 13: Governor's Day; 14: Industry Day; 15: Diversified Agriculture Day, with a mammoth parade; 16: Youth and Education Day, with a parade; 17: Good Neighbor Day; and 18: Armed Forces Day, with a parade.

A note of interest to those who travel westward in the North State during May: Spring stays late in the mountain country, with the most lavish display of blooming laurel, rhododendron and azalea in late May and early June.

The Oconaluftee Indian village at Cherokee opens its season May 17 and continues through October 31.

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THIS FRONT VIEW of the famed Biltmore Estate chateau was photographed by Deuel Redding. Visitors are not permitted to take pictures inside this well-known landmark.

Firestone Group Sees Biltmore Estate

On a recent week end, four men employed in the plant Refreshment department, and the wives of three of them, traveled to Asheville as special guests of the Biltmore Estate interests. They were Robert Froneberger, Mr. and Mrs. Deuel Redding, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrow, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bradley.

Members of the Firestone party were entertained at a luncheon in Asheville before they were taken on a free, guided tour of the famed Biltmore House, its renowned landscaped gardens and the dairy farms there.

THE BILTMORE House, of French chateau design and situ-

ated on a hill overlooking Buncombe county, is considered most unusual among American country establishments.

On the tour, the Firestone visitors saw antique furniture, priceless paintings and tapestries and other objects of art in some 20 rooms of what is known as "the most magnificent home in America." Constructed by George Vanderbilt, it was completed in 1895, after five years in building.

The chateau, set among masterpieces of landscaping, is the center of a 12,000-acre tract of land. The estate was the original nucleus of Pisgah Forest, where the first extensive reforestation was started in this country.

People and Places

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eastwood and children of Compton, Calif., were guests of Mrs. Katie Elkins for a week in mid-April.

Margaret Ledford, eighth-grade student at Robinson School, Gastonia, joined other members of her class for a trip to Raleigh and places of interest there, in early April. Margaret is the daughter of Mrs. Josie Ledford, respoiler tender.

Weaving

Mrs. Ruby Blaylock and children of Columbia, S. C., spent a week end in April with her parents, Wallace Deanhardt, loom fixer, and Mrs. Deanhardt.

Henry Brooks, second hand, was in Gaston Memorial Hospital for medical examination in April.

Mrs. Audrey Mathis, smash hand, has been out from work several weeks, due to illness.

Mrs. Amanda Rogers, quiller tender, and Mr. Rogers spent a Sunday in April visiting relatives in Chester, S. C.

Peggy Davis, Firestone scholarship student at High Point College, spent April 6 and 7 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis of Lincolnton. Mrs. Davis is a quiller tender here.

Miss Janet Brooks was honored at a household shower given by Mrs. Walter Tate and Mrs. J. M. Tate at the Firestone Girls Club in late March. Miss Brooks is the daughter of Henry Brooks, second hand in Weaving, and Mrs. Brooks, quiller tender.

The mother of Will Howard, warp hand, died in late March.

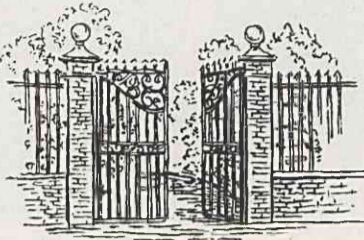
Dr. Joseph C. Wetherby, professor of speech and director of debate at Duke University, Durham, was a recent overnight guest of Carl Stewart, Sr., SYC Weaving, and Mrs. Stewart, respoiler tender in Rayon Twisting. Dr. Wetherby accompanied Carl Stewart, Jr., on the Gastonia visit. Carl is a third-year student at Duke, where he is enrolled under a Firestone scholarship.

Winding

Mrs. Ethel Neal, winder tender, and Mr. Neal attended the Azalea Festival in Wilmington, N. C., April 6. While in Wilmington they visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Conner and family. Mr. Conner is a brother of Mrs. Neal.

Mrs. Viola Webb, yarn packer, had as week end guests Mr. and Mrs. Parnell Lewis of Black Mountain, N. C. Mrs. Lewis is a sister of Mrs. Webb.

Mrs. Blanche Hollis, winder tender, and Mr. Hollis had as guests on a week end in April, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blackston of Belmont.



Store Has Elastic Anchor Seat Covers

An automobile seat cover that can be installed in less than five minutes is being marketed by Firestone dealers and stores. The covers, called "Show-Off," are available at the Company store, corner Franklin and Marietta, and at other Firestone outlets in the area.

The product comes in various patterns and in transparent or opaque blue and green.

"Price of this seat cover is lower than average because there is no installation fee," Charles Moore, local Firestone store manager points out.

Conventional spring clips have been replaced by elastic anchor straps and hooks, allowing a snug fit at all times. Seams have been moved from corners and backrests, resulting in longer wear.

The new covers are made to fit cars from 1949 through 1957 models.

Headed for New York? A note from the plant's travel information service makes this reminder:

There are 23 museums in New York City, including the world-famous Metropolitan Museum of Art. All the museums are open nearly every day and admittance is free to most of them.

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