



Firestone Scholars Complete Another School Year



FIVE Gastonia area Firestone Scholarship winners from 1953 through 1956, have completed another year in college. One of them was among the 15 throughout the country who made up the first group to graduate under the Scholarship program, begun more than four years ago.

Top left: Peggy Davis (right) of Lincolnton, a 1956 winner, in her dormitory room with a classmate at High Point College. Peggy is a religious education major.

Top Right: Bobby Sellers of Bessemer City, 1955 Scholarship recipient, spent his first year at North Carolina State College. He transferred to Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, where during the past term, he took courses in the education curriculum. He is shown here in the chemistry laboratory.

Above: Carl Stewart of Gastonia, a 1954 Scholarship winner, has completed his third year at Duke University. The student, here doing research in the university library, has distinguished himself as a member of the varsity debating team. Above Right: First Scholarship winner from a Firestone Textiles family was Claudette Taylor. Now Mrs. Ralph Kaylor, she received her bachelor of arts degree in philosophy at Duke, June 3. Here, she reports on a research paper which was one of her last assignments before graduation.

Bottom: Michael Stroupe of Bessemer City, a last-year winner, was an electrical engineering student at N. C. State during the past year. At school he has a vast world of science to explore, as indicated here by this control panel of the nuclear reactor.

Company Adds Illinois Plant To Wheel And Rim Interests

Another plant—this one employing 750 persons—has been added to the Firestone organization. In a move to expand the Company's interest in the wheel and rim-producing business, assets of the Electric Wheel Company of Quincy, Ill., manufac-

turer of steel wheels and rims, will be operated by Firestone Steel Products as a division of the parent Company.

When Electric Wheel was founded in 1890, electricity was used in the manufacturing process for heating the spokes of the

wheels, which at the time was a great innovation. From this use of electricity the firm name was derived.

THE BUSINESS had rapid growth, as farmers across the country found that metal wheels outlasted wooden ones. Not only were wheels made for farm wagons, but for many different types of implements such as hay balers, threshing machines, cultivators, weeders and sprayers, and tractors.

In recent years the trend of wheel manufacture has been toward rubber-tired, demountable disc wheels. To meet this demand the Company began in 1928 to manufacture wheels of pressed steel. Its steel department now has presses having a capacity up to 2,500 tons.

Electric Wheel has manufactured and sold products for agricultural and earth-moving equipment such as welded steel

Accidents Cost In Billions

Ten billion and 800 million dollars.

A lot of money.

That's the figure for the total of all accidents in the United States last year, according to the Institute for Safer Living of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company.

Just think of what that much money could do in a constructive way!

This figure is equal to the net income of the 135 largest railroads, utilities and corporations in the country.

It exceeds the total expenditure of the U. S. Navy for 1955.

It would have clothed every man, woman and child in the nation in 1956.

It would have built 1,000,000 new single family homes, figuring the average cost at \$10,600. It would build 300,000 Class A new schoolrooms which would provide facilities for an additional nine million youngsters.

It is enough to provide all three shots of Salk vaccine for every person in the world.

It is equal to the total number of dollars in social security benefits paid in 1953, 1954, and 1955.

It represents funds sufficient to construct 2,000 hospitals, each having 300 beds.

Names And Places Odd And Curious

Interesting world, isn't it? In looking over a post office list of curious towns—or at least curious town names—the following examples turned up.

Some sound inviting, like Love, Va.; Darling, Miss.; and Relief, N. C. Then some sound less inviting, like Worry, N. C.; Double Trouble, N. J.; War, W. Va.; and Hell, Ky.

How do you like Raspberry, Ark.; Cake, Va.; Pie, W. Va.; and Rat, Mo.? There seems to be everything from A to Z, which reminds us of Azusa, Calif., which is so named because it stands for "everything from A to Z in the U.S.A."

Foreign Visitors

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equipment and new methods of rayon and nylon tire fabric production.

From Gastonia, the visitors went to Akron, where they studied processes of building tires of rayon and nylon fabric construction. With the exception of Mr. Anderson who will remain in this country for several weeks, the visitors have returned to Scotland and India.

disc wheels, spoke wheels and axles for agricultural vehicles, wheels for crawler tractors, steel weldments, farm wagons and industrial trailers. The company has a gray iron foundry and produces hubs, spindles and other items for agricultural implements. Its principal customers have been farm implement, tractor and earth-moving equipment manufacturers, with sales primarily in the Midwest.