

Mr. Mercer Cited In Hospital Paper

The September issue of The Capsule, institutional publication of Gaston Memorial Hospital, featured a picture and story on Firestone General Manager Harold Mercer.

Mr. Mercer began his term of office as a member of the board of trustees of Gaston Memorial last January. Before that, he had served as a member of the board of Garrison General Hospital, Gastonia.

Following is a portion of the article which appeared in the GMH Capsule:

In common with all other board members, Mr. Mercer takes pride in his service to the community. He expressed gratification for an organization of the quality of GMH, which is able to attract to the community doctors qualified in all fields of medicine, so that Gaston County residents can have hospital treatment in their home area.

"THE PEOPLE in our plant," he said, "have the very best medical care available to them at home."

Mr. Mercer continued: "Citizens of the county should be very grateful for the foresight of those persons who more than ten years ago began the movement which has culminated in such a fine service institution. I have seen a vast and steady improvement in the quality of service rendered by the nurses and doctors.

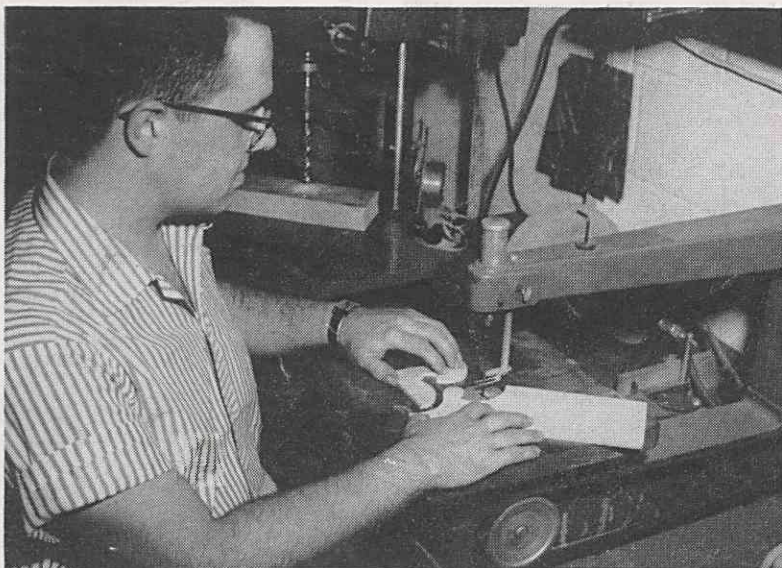
"I have been most favorably impressed with the ability of the organization to keep pace with the increasing needs—indeed, to anticipate those needs to be ready to furnish service to an ever-growing and expanding industrial community."

A native of Seymour, Ind., an alumnus of the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in commerce, Mr. Mercer came to Gastonia in 1935 from the home offices of Firestone in Akron, Ohio.

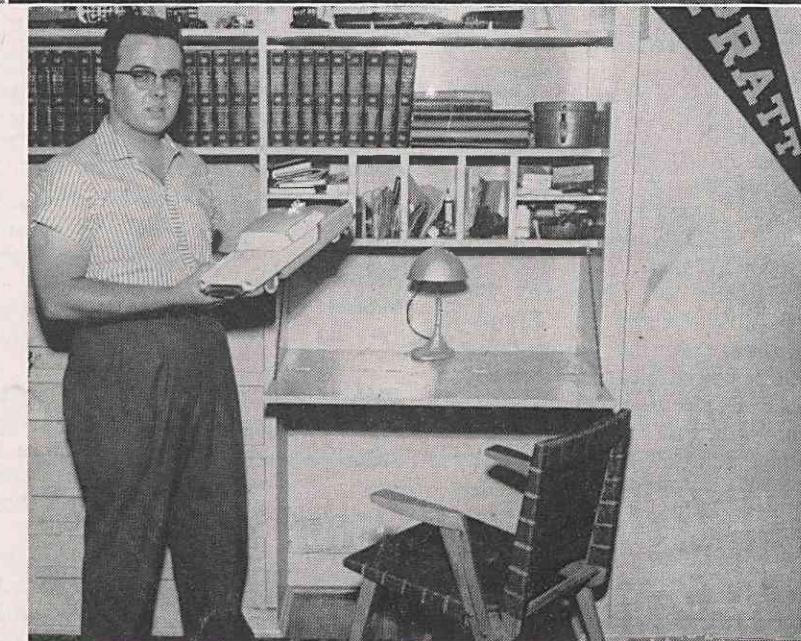
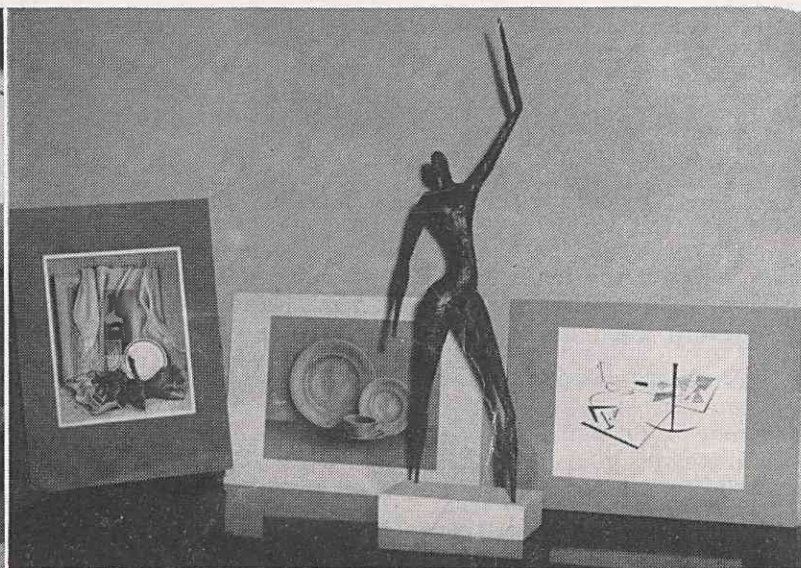
In the years since his arrival, he has made himself a potent influence for good in the entire community.

Citizens can share with GMH the assurance that its program of services is well guarded and safe in the hands of Board members such as Mr. Mercer.

Sgt. and Mrs. George Carr of Washington, D. C., spent a September week end with Leon and Edna Dawkins, both of Carding. Mrs. Carr is the Dawkins' daughter.



Pratt Institute student Ted Bell shapes a piece of wood for a design model. At upper right: Some of the paintings and sculpture which Ted has prepared as class assignments. In his room, at right, are built-in shelves and storage closets, designed and fashioned by the student. The chair in front of the drop-lid desk was one of his first woodcrafting projects. Ted holds the model which won honors in a craftsman guild auto body design contest in 1955.



Ted Bell On Leave From Shop To Study Industrial Design

Ted Bell of the Shop dynamic balancing department is taking time out from his duties here to pursue his third-year studies in industrial design at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.

For the past three summers he has worked in the Shop, the first two being spent as a carpenter, and last summer as a balancing technician. He plans to return to Firestone next spring for work during the vacation period between his Junior and Senior years at the Brooklyn school.

At Pratt, Ted is working toward the degree of bachelor of arts in industrial design.

"When that is realized," says Ted, "and if things go according to plan, I will study for the master of arts degree in industrial design."

The student-workman here, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Bell of 2000 Linwood road, was a member of the 1955 graduating class of Ashley High School.

His artistic talents began to manifest themselves when he was in elementary school. Later, it was through his ability at designing that he was enabled to pass the screening which admitted him to Pratt.

THAT WAS in 1955, when Ted entered an auto body design model in the Fisher Body Craftsman Guild competition. His model, carved from laminated wood and fitted with intricate trim accurately cast and shaped, won him third state prize. This honor helped decide his admittance to Pratt, where the large volume of applications must be carefully screened in order to select the most qualified student body. Pratt, one of the outstanding arts-and-design schools in the country, cannot accommodate all the applicants for admission.

At his Linwood road home, Ted maintains a well-equipped woodworking shop, where he turns out models and lends substance to his furniture designs. As a woodworking hobbyist, one of his first projects was a streamlined chair with plastic webbing. Since that time he has designed and built shelves for books and models, a fold-away desk, and storage cabinets for his room.

Besides these, he has designed and produced utility cabinets for the kitchen at home and bedroom furniture for some of the neighbors.

AT PRATT Institute, the Gastonia student has distinguished himself for his creation of various design models of objects for manufacture, and for his pieces of art and sculpture—done mostly as class assignments.

The walls of the Bell home are adorned with several paintings which Ted has done in recent years. Outstanding of these pieces of art is a two-and-a-half by five-foot painting of a forest in casein tints and framed in oak.

Ted explains that the various projects of each student at Pratt during the school year are assembled in a "judgment" at the end of the term. This is one of the several ways by which instructors appraise the student's progress.

"The field of industrial design offers broad opportunities," says Ted. "I have yet to decide the particular phase of the work I'll settle down to, but it will likely be furniture or hand tool design."

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Bonds"; and Mrs. Barret Campbell, current "Mrs. North Carolina", from Charlotte.

At Firestone, "Mrs. U.S. Savings Bonds" and "Mrs. North Carolina" joined Treasury Department and local Savings Bonds program representatives for a tour of the plant, before participating in a rally in front of the mill.

Begins Assignment As Social Worker

Betty F. Little is employed as a social worker at the Baylor School of Medicine, Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of Shop Lathe Operator Cramer L. Little, and Mrs. Little.

Miss Little, who spent three weeks with her parents here in late summer, was graduated recently from Tulane University, New Orleans. There, she received the master of arts degree in social work.

At Tulane, she did graduate study under a March of Dimes scholarship awarded by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The financial appropriation under which she studied was conferred upon recommendation of a national committee of leaders in medical-social work.

Employees in the Carding department express their deepest sympathy to Marion Davis, can hauler, in the recent death of his brother.



NEW LOOK—Sue Dodgen of the local Firestone Store shows the DeLuxe Super Champion, low-priced nylon cord replacement tire. The salesgirl points out the "new look" feature which is built into the tire by reducing the width of the white sidewall.

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