



Carding

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reeves have moved into their new house on Chapel road. Mr. Reeves is an intermediate frame tender in Carding. Mrs. Reeves is a weaver in SYC Weaving.

Bobbie Jean Ballew, daughter of James Ballew, fixer, and Mrs. Ballew, Spooling, received treatment in a York, S. C., hospital in November.

Leon Dawkins, fixer, recently spent a weekend at Kure Beach, S. C. He went there to do some deepsea fishing.

Card Tender Roscoe Westmoreland and Mrs. Westmoreland had as guests on a recent weekend Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Parson of Gillsville, Ga.

Mrs. Andrew Davis, mother of Marion Davis, can hauler, was a recent patient at a hospital in Bryson City, N. C.

Main Office

Mary Johnson, Payroll, spent a recent weekend visiting relatives in Greenville, S. C.

Beatrice McCarter, Payroll, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brandon took an automobile trip to Baltimore, Md., in November. They traveled across the Skyline Drive into Virginia, stopping for a night at Natural Bridge. Another point of interest on the way was Shenandoah National Park. In Baltimore, they visited Mrs. Alfred Moulder, Sr., a former employee of Firestone here; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kehoe. Mrs. Kehoe is a sister-in-law of Mrs. McCarter.

Gene Alexander, Accounting, underwent treatment in a Gastonia hospital in November.

Personnel

Mrs. A. T. Newton, third shift First Aid nurse, returned home in late November, after having undergone a major operation in Gaston Memorial Hospital. She was reported as making good progress in her recovery.

Quality Control

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Queen marked the 24th anniversary of their wedding on November 11. Mrs. Queen is Cable Twisting and Re-spooling inspector.

Charles Hipps, second hand, and Mrs. Hipps are back at home after a week-long November vacation in Florida. While in that state, they visited a son and his family in Miami. By making the trip by airplane, the Hipps' had more time to spend under Florida sunshine.

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Football Contest Offers Cash Prizes

Your accuracy as a football score prophet can win you some money. When you enter the annual winners-and-scores contest of major bowl football games this year, you stand in line to take home one of these prizes:

First: \$15; Second: \$10; Third: \$5.

All employees are eligible to enter the competition which consists in attempts at predicting winning teams in the nation's five major gridiron clashes, most of which are scheduled for New Year's Day. An exception is the Gator Bowl game, which will be played December 28.

The guessing rivalry has been sponsored by the plant Recreation service for the past several years. Winners are determined by the highest number of team victors picked correctly. In event of ties in the guessing, the employee-contestant having the most nearly accurate prediction of total scores of the games will be declared the winner.

ENTRY blanks and instruction sheets may be had at the office and the concession counter of the Recreation Center, the Industrial Relations office, and the

refreshment wagon.

Deadline date for entries is December 28.

First-place winner in the contest last year proved that you need have no "inside track" information in order to carry away the prize money. Vernon Lovingood, overseer in Sales Yarn Twisting, received the \$15 after having matched pure luck against facts and figures of serious football fans. He had gone down the list, picking scores "out of the air."

The top winner last year professed to know almost nothing about football, and at that time had never watched a game other than on television.

The other two winners—James Cooper, Time Study, (second) and J. C. Crisp, Ply Twisting (third), were more scientific in their predictions. They had kept close tab on the games and based their entries on winning averages of the teams involved.

"This all goes to show," said Recreation Director Ralph Johnson, "that somewhere in between pure guesswork and score records to guide you, anyone stands a good chance to win."

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

As Of Old, Wise Men Still Follow The Star

TO OUR EMPLOYEES:

A round of seasons, and God in His providence has brought us "safely through another year." With the Christmas season near, I am sure that each of you is planning to observe the holidays in your own way, with family and friends.

As we review the year now ending, each one of us can see much for which to be genuinely thankful. Of our almost countless list of blessings, this one stands out clearly: Our future in America is hopeful.

In the warmth and gaiety of the Yuletide season, it is altogether easy to forget that there are millions of people across the earth whose most-desired gift this Christmas is freedom—freedom to work, to speak, to worship, to bring up their families in their own way, without fear of tyranny.

For the people who are denied the basic human freedoms, no material blessings can provide a substitute for those benefits which we in America so often take for granted.

As we enjoy the holiday season, let us remember the first Christmas almost two millenniums ago, when angels spoke words that have been an inspiration to mankind across the years: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Let us remember, also, the example of the shepherds on that Night long ago, when they followed the star to Bethlehem, seeking the newborn King. Today, wise men still follow the same Star of Hope. By living in this spirit, we can have a blessed Christmas and a better world for ourselves, members of our families and for our fellowmen everywhere.

At our Gastonia plant during the past year, we have set an example of how men and women can work together, each respecting the other's talents—all benefiting from each other's accomplishments and attaining a common goal.

Let us pray sincerely that the day will soon come when the whole population of earth will know more of the blessings that we Americans have shared in 1957, and shall enjoy during 1958.

In this spirit, I extend to you and your family my sincerest wishes that this Christmas will be the most meaningful you have ever known, and that the New Year will bring you hope, happiness and peace.

Harold Mercer

General Manager

GOING PLACES... SEEING THINGS

December Good Time To Visit Outer Banks

December fare for traveling and sightseeing adds up to a variety listing of places to go and views to enjoy on a short trip, a week-end journey, or a wintertime vacation. Attractions make up a lively schedule, beckoning with appeal to almost any fancy for the Firestone traveler in early winter "down South."

This note comes from the Travel Information Service of the Recreation department, which each month presents this column of suggested places for you to spend some off-job hours in pleasant experiences along highways and byways of the Mid-South.

North Carolina has winter vacation spots which are at their best from autumn through spring. Prominent among them are the Sandhills resorts of Pinehurst and Southern Pines, reached by US Highway 1, the resort of Tryon in the "thermal belt" of the Blue Ridge foothills, and the all-year community of Sedgfield in the Piedmont.

BECAUSE of several events scheduled, this season of the year is a good time to visit the historic, picturesque Outer Banks of North Carolina, advises the Travel Information Service. A stop at Hatteras and other communities along the Banks will long remain a pleasant memory.

Hatteras on the Outer Banks is 60 miles below Manteo. There is daily bus service and free ferry service to the Manteo and Nags Head area. This colorful fishing village of Hatteras is the largest community on Hatteras Island. In this region you will find that many native "Bankers" are descended from ship-wrecked sailors, a fact which is reflected in the native speech. Hatteras and other villages along the Banks—Frisco, Avon, Salvo, Buxton, Wayne, Rodanthe—are yet relatively obscure from mainland influences.

A hard-surfaced road extends from Hatteras to Oregon Inlet at the north end of the island. In addition to a year-round hotel, there are several guest houses operating in winter.

WHILE in this area, two of your main points of interest will be the Maritime Museum at Cape

Hatteras Lighthouse and the Museum of Natural History at nearby Bodie Island Lighthouse. Both museums in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area are open to the public all seasons of the year. This, the only national seashore park in the United States, is now accessible by hard-surfaced highway and free automobile ferry.

One of the outstanding events on the December travel calendar is the Celebration of the 54th Anniversary of Powered Flight, at the Wright Brothers National Memorial, near Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk and Nags Head. The program each year commemorates the Wright Brothers' first successful flight in a powered aircraft. Here, amid restless mountains of sand, shifting constantly with the winds and tides, one of the dunes has been "anchored" with tough grasses to serve as the base for the Wright Monument. On the anniversary program this year, a formation of military aircraft will climax ceremonies at the monument.

At the Kitty Hawk memorial are authentic replicas of the hanger, workshop and living quarters used by Orville and Wilbur Wright when they made their conquest of the air, December 17, 1903.

ALSO in the Outer Banks area during the holiday season, you can take a journey into the past by attending the "Old Christmas" festivities at Rodanthe on January 5. Residents of this community on Hatteras Island have observed this date for generations. Appearance of the legendary figure known as "Old Buck" is a highlight of the evening celebration which includes singing, dancing and an oyster roast.

At the Chapel Hill Morehead Planetarium, University of North Carolina, travelers may see the Christmas story in the splendor which the Biblical account gives it. "Star of Bethlehem," which runs nightly through December 31, is a celestial pageant which recreates the skies of Judea on the planetarium dome, just as astronomers say they appeared in the year 7 B.C. The presentation is based on the King James version of the Christmas story.

Winter Calls For Extra Driving Care

The month of December ahead.

brings wintertime — officially — to the Mid-South, and with it, winter driving conditions. Careful observance of simple, sound suggestions, made by the National Safety Council's committee on winter driving and by the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, can prevent injuries and loss of life on the highways during the hazardous months

ahead.

Here is a listing of the suggestions:

Remember that the increase in hours of darkness adds to driving hazards.

Accept personal responsibility for keeping your car safe for driving under all winter conditions.

Keep windshield and windows clean at all times. Keep head-

lights and windshield wipers in good working order. A dependable defroster is often necessary equipment for safety.

Make sure that tires are in good condition. Use tire chains when necessary. A bag of sand carried along can also help you out of sleet, snow and ice.

Pump brakes for stopping on snow or ice.

Adjust speed to road and weather conditions after getting the "feel" of the road.

Follow at a safe distance.