



SPINNING Overseer W. S. Guffey (left), holds a gift of money for Roscoe Mauney, representing a token of appreciation from Mr. Mauney's fellow workers at the time of his recent retirement. The retiree holds a box of spinning travelers, like those he installed during the last three years of his employment here. Mr. Mauney's daughter, Lucille Baker, works in Spooling; his son Ernest, in Twisting.

J. R. Mauney Earned Ten Cents For A Day's Work In 1901

A six-day week of 66 hours—and no pay. That was the situation when Josie Roscoe Mauney became an apprentice at doffing in a textile mill more than 50 years ago. When he retired recently, after more than 30 years at the mill here, the Cleveland County native had to his credit experience in the spinning, carding and weaving departments of almost two dozen textile plants in North Carolina.

In 1901 Mr. Mauney hired out as a "learner-hand" in Spinning here, and for almost three months received no pay at all. That was when he was almost nine years old. After "catching on" to the doffing operation he received 10 cents a day for his labors. Later he made 25 cents, then 50 cents.

"In those days two of my aunts lived in the house with my folks and me. They would often help me keep up my job when I got behind," he recalls.

"I'll admit that on a few occasions I'd let them get busy helping me run my job, then I'd sneak off somewhere and take a nap."

WHILE in the subject of mem-

ories, the retiree recalled that years ago the lack of lighting and the long working hours interfered with each other. "The lights were poor, equipment and methods of doing the various jobs were quite primitive, compared to things today," he said.

Through the years the retiree has found time to work "at spells" in cafes and stores. Now that he has put aside his traveler-changing job, he plans to work limited hours in a West Gastonia lunch stand. Other things to keep him occupied will be some gardening on his lots near the Mauney's 303 South Vance street home, and a bit of traveling around to visit relatives—especially a daughter in Charleston, W. Va.

That Poison Ivy Season Is Here

Touch it or not, you may get it anyhow. The US Department of Agriculture has the timely reminder that you don't have to handle poison ivy to catch it. Simply touching things that have come in contact with the plant is enough to erupt in plenty of misery and woe.

The USDA says that poison ivy may be caught from touching the steering wheel or door handle of a car which has been driven by a person who has been in contact with the noxious plant.

Gardening clothes or tools that have touched the plants should be washed thoroughly in several changes of water.

Don't overlook the possibility of being severely poisoned by the vapor given off from burning any part of the poison ivy plant.

Dogs and cats romping through the woods may get the poison on their hair. It will make very little difference to them, but human beings may get poisoned thereby.

Says the Department of Agriculture: To remove the poison from pets, wash the animal in warm soapy water and wear rubber gloves as an extra precaution.

Firestone Student Wins Scholarship

Carl J. Stewart, Jr., senior at Duke University, has won a \$1,000 scholarship to Duke School of Law. The student's parents are both employed here.

In his three and a half years at Duke, Carl has made a brilliant record on a Firestone College Scholarship.

As one of five winners of the Duke University School of Law regional scholarships, he will begin his study at Durham next fall.

Eight Teams Play In Golf League

Eight teams, composed of 16 men at the plant, are playing in the Partners Golf League this season. League play, begun in early April, will continue through July 31. After that date, an Individuals Tournament will begin. From this competition the plant golf champion will be selected and awarded a trophy. Last season, Bill McSwain of Main Office earned the championship title.

This season, W. S. Guffey, overseer in Spinning; and B. J. Bungardner, second hand in Cable Twisting, are defending champions.

Plant golfers play each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Golf Course.

ment; Alvin Riley, safety director; W. G. Henson, plant engineer; and S. E. Crawford, plant protection officer.

Also cooperating and assisting in the program will be Captain Roy Short of the Gastonia Police Department; James I. Mason, director of Gaston Technical Institute, and Charles L. Moore, manager of the Gastonia Firestone Store.

WARP AND FILLING

Of The Passing Scene

Return To The Good Old Days?

Back in 1830, Amasa Whitney, a Massachusetts manufacturer, posted on his factory door a set of rules and regulations for employees. This employer's commandments would seem a bit strange, compared with a modern industrial plant's policies for operation today.

Would you care to go back to "the good old days"? These samplings from Whitney's list of "rules" could easily decide one's thinking on this question:

1. The Mill will be put into operation 10 minutes before sunrise at all seasons of the year. The gate will be shut 10 minutes past sunset from the 20th of March to the 20th of September; at 30 minutes past 8 from the 20th of September to the 20th of March. Saturdays at sunset.

2. It will be required of every person employed, that they be in the room in which they work at the times mentioned above, for the Mill to be in operation.

3. Hands are not allowed to leave the Factory in working hours without the consent of the Overseer. If they do, they will be liable to have their time set off.

4. Anyone employed for a certain length of time will be expected to make up lost time, if

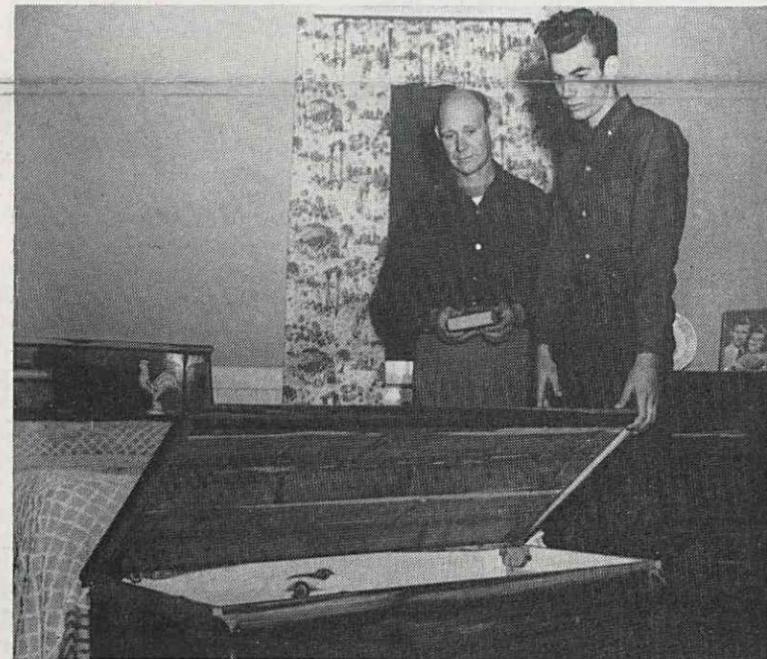
required, before being entitled to his pay.

5. Any person employed for no certain length of time will be expected to make up his lost time, if required, before being entitled to his pay.

6. All who have leave of absence any length of time, and do not return by the time agreed upon, will be liable to forfeiture of one week's work again—if no satisfactory reason can be given for their tardiness. If no reasonable explanation can be given, they will be considered as those who leave without giving any notice.

7. It is intended that the bell be rung five minutes before the gate is hoisted, so that everyone may be ready to start their machines precisely at the time appointed.

8. The hands will take breakfast before going to work, from the 1st of November to the last of March. They will take supper 30 minutes past 5 o'clock p.m., from the 1st of May to the last of August. From the 20th of September to the 20th of March before sundown and dark, 20 minutes will be allowed for supper—and no more. The hands will leave the factory so that the doors may be fastened within 10 minutes from the time of leaving work.



WORK OF ART—Charlie Woody (left), of Twisting looks over a spacious cedar chest crafted by his son Richard. This is one of five pieces belonging to a bedroom group which Richard turned out as a school shop class project.

Check Your Car...

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1,000 communities in the 34 states which do not have compulsory motor-vehicle inspection.

One out of every five vehicles inspected in the nationwide Safety-Check in 1957 needed immediate attention to one or more of the 10 checked items affecting driving conditions," Mr. Firestone pointed out.

"Our program is part of the Company's continuing campaign to keep employees safe on and off the job," he added.

The Company has the best on-the-job safety record in the rubber industry, and one of the best in all industry. Firestone has received the National Safety Council's highest award, the Award of Honor, on a Company-wide basis nine times since 1945.

WHEN you have your car safety-checked in May, you will have joined the "Circle of Safety" and will receive a wallet-

sized "Circle of Safety" membership card at the check lane. The card has fill-in spaces on the back for "Family Car Facts" including key and license numbers, model and year of vehicle, insurance information, tire size and pressures, and servicing data. The card also provides safe-driving tips and urges each driver to remain in the "Circle of Safety" by checking his driving to curb accidents.

Cooperating with the Inter-Industry committee and Look magazine in the nationwide program is the Association of State and Provincial Safety Coordinators. H. D. Tompkins, Firestone vice president, is chairman of the Inter-Industry committee. J. W. Maples, director of manufacturing, is heading the committee for Firestone's nationwide auto-safety check.

At the Gastonia plant, Thomas Ipock, Jr., manager of industrial relations, is chairman of the safety-check program. Serving with him are L. B. McAbee of the industrial relations depart-

Teenager Is Wood Craftsman

Red cedar wood is pretty in itself. But give it to Richard Woody and he will transform it into things of beauty and usefulness. The 17-year-old son of Charlie E. Woody of Twisting is a Dallas High School senior. He has just completed five pieces of bedroom furniture in cedar which he proudly exhibits in their home at 1613 West Franklin avenue.

Richard has been interested in making things in wood since he was a little boy. First, he had some simple hand tools with which he fashioned items such as gun racks and lamp bases. Later he collected enough equipment to have a workshop at home. Because he started to high school in Dallas when they were living in East Gastonia, Richard continued to attend there

after they moved to the West end of town.

His woodwork masterpiece—the bedroom group in cedar—consists of a bed with bookcase headboard, dresser, storage chest, wardrobe and chest of drawers.

The young craftsman spent upwards of 100 hours on the entire project, averaging five hours a week in the school agriculture shop. Working plans for his furniture were obtained from the school shop, then modified to his own requirements.

Along with his liking for woodcrafting, Richard has developed an interest in textiles. He plans to enroll at the North Carolina Vocational Textile School at Belmont, after graduation from Dallas High in June.