



GOING PLACES... SEEING THINGS

May Is Picnic And Travel Time Down South

The month of May brings a summertime look at the seashore areas of the Carolinas and a lavish display of spring wildflowers to the Blue Ridge Mountains of both states, and to the Great Smokies of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Travel Information Service of Plant Recreation posts the bulletin that May is one of the finest months of the year for vacation and other travel in the Carolinas and their neighboring states.

Statewide in North Carolina, there is a good choice of accommodations, and all recreational areas and scenic attractions are open for business.

The weather is warm enough for surf bathing on the coasts of the Carolinas, and ideal for outdoor sports and sightseeing trips in every section of both states.

Plant Recreation reports that a number of employees have inquired about this year's Sun-Fun Festival, the annual event which officially launches the season at Myrtle Beach—most popular seashore area among Firestone people.

THE FESTIVAL has been set for June 4-8. According to information received by Ralph Johnson, recreation director here, the coming festival should be the biggest in the seven-year history of the colorful event. A feature attraction will be the Miss Universe Beauty Pageant of South Carolina, which will make its first appearance in Myrtle Beach. The pageant will bring to Myrtle Beach "Miss Universe" or "Miss United States" and some 50 South Carolina beauties. Numerous other recreation and entertainment events have been planned. Since its beginning in 1952, Sun-Fun has grown into one of the outstanding festivals of the Carolinas.

May is picnic and travel time along the flowering highways of North Carolina. In the mountain empire, dogwood blossoms and fresh green foliage cover the slopes early in the month, with snow trillium, pink azalea and numerous small flowers blooming on the forest floor. During the latter part of May and into early June, Catawba rhododendron, mountain laurel and flame azalea bloom at elevations up to around 3,000 feet.

HIKING TRAILS in the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and along the Blue Ridge Parkway give further access to the beauty of Spring.

In May, the fishing's fine. Ocean surf, the Gulf Stream, lakes and mountain trout streams beckon

anglers all across North Carolina. Ocean fishing piers are open, and the sports fishing craft based at Oregon Inlet, Hatteras, Morehead City, Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches, Southport and other points along the coast are in demand for deep-sea fishing trips. The mountain trout season opened in early April. Streams in the Great Smokies will be open for fishing around the middle of May.

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All of North Carolina's State highways and bridges are toll-free. The State operates free automobile ferries across Oregon Inlet to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.

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TRAVELING WEST and looking for a step backward into history? Choose the Oconaluftee Indian Village on the Cherokee Reservation. It will be open to visitors from May 17. The village, open every day through October, is a re-created Cherokee community of 200 years ago, depicting a primitive culture that is authentic and unusual. Indians are garbed in the traditional feathers and buckskin of their forebears, and daily perform tribal rites and practice craftsmanship that have been revived from the early days of their history. At the village are reproductions of designs of two centuries ago, including types of homes in which the Cherokee lived and the earliest type of dwelling of the white man when he first made friends and traded with the Indian in the early 1700s.

The museum at Cherokee is a focal point for reminders of Cherokee history and tribal tradition.

DOWN EAST in North Carolina during May there are a number of festivals which are expected to draw attendance from every area of the state. Outstanding of these are the Halifax County Bicentennial Celebration, May 11-18, with events centering in and around Halifax; and the seventh annual Guilford County Fine Arts Festival, High Point, May 22-25.

Need help in planning your trip anywhere? Whether an afternoon, overnight, week-end or extended vacation tour, free assistance awaits all Firestone employees. Call or stop by the office of Plant Recreation. Happy traveling!

Carding

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Dill and their two children have arrived from Arizona, after Mr. Dill's release from army service. He is the son of **George Dill**, Weaving, and **Mrs. Dill**, Carding.

The Rev. **Paul Reeves** recently completed a six-weeks refresher course in Bible at Fruitland Bible Institute, a school of the ministry near Hendersonville. It is operated by Southern Baptist Churches.

Pearlie Anderson, card tender, is back at work after having been on sick leave.

Main Office

Misses **Jerry Barton** and **Doris McCready**, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCready, spent a recent weekend in Harwell, Ga. There, they visited relatives of the McCreadys.

F. B. Harrison, chief accountant, and his family are living at their new home, 607 Dartmouth drive in Roland Park.

Mrs. Reid McGinnis, switchboard operator, and Mr. McGinnis were in Tryon, N. C., recently, where they visited her mother, Mrs. Earline Gordon, a former employee at Firestone.

Mrs. Carl Sanders, Main Office, Mr. Sanders and their daughter Katherine, spent an April weekend in Franklin, N. C., where they visited with the H. C. Fouts family, former residents of Gastonia.

Personnel

Employment manager **Charles M. Ferguson**, his sons Charles and John, and a daughter, Barbara, each rode a horse in a rodeo parade in Gaffney, S. C., April 12. The parade and rodeo was sponsored by Shriners of South Carolina. John Ferguson, manager of the K-Bar-M Ranch near Gaffney, supplied the horses.

Shop

Approximately 40 persons attended a special Sunday dinner at the home of **Grady C. Johnson**, 2626 South Calvary street, Sunday, April 13. The occasion marked Mr. Johnson's birthday. Among those present was **Boss Parsons**, Firestone elevator operator.

Miss Marie Moore, student of the Woman's College, University of North Carolina, spent her spring holidays with her parents, Machinist **Howard Moore** and **Mrs. Moore**.

Roland Huss, elevator operator, was back at work in late April, after a short sick leave.

Plant Engineer **W. G. Henson** and **Mrs. Henson** had as recent guests their daughter, Mrs. Thurston Gilliam, and her sons of Albany, Ga.

Porter McAteer, former Shop employee and now a student at North Carolina State College, has completed his second phase of examination for entrance to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Denver, Colo. If his application is finally approved, he will enter the Academy this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaton and son of Columbia, S. C. were recent visitors in the home of **Jack Moore**, benchman, and Mrs. Moore. They are the parents of Mrs. Eaton.

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Foy gathered for a family reunion at Karyae Park near Gastonia on Sunday, April 20. The J. K. Foy's five sons: Luther, Ed, George, Livie and James; and three daughters: Mrs. Roy Crawford, Mrs. Lucius Boyd and Mrs. J. N. Crawford were all present. Ed and George are employed in the Shop here; Luther is manager of the plant canteen service.

Members of the Shop group express deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. E. S. Hughes, who died recently. Mrs. Hughes was the mother of plumber **Horace Hughes**.

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Guard Yourself From Polio

It's not too late to seek protection from the dread disease of polio, reminds the North Carolina State Board of Health. Dr. Fred T. Foard, director of the board's epidemiology division, pointed out that the vaccination in time might well save thousands in the state from polio during the coming summer months.

Vaccine supplies are available through county health departments for free inoculation for individuals under 20 years of age, Dr. Foard reported, and through private physicians for persons in older-age groups.

Plant Fishermen Try For Prizes

For the 22nd year in a row, Firestone Textiles fishermen may try for prizes for landing the biggest catch, and for fabricating the "most unbelievable hard-luck" yarn about fishing.

Competing in the contest from April through October will be members of the two fishing clubs here. Prizes will be fishing equipment.

In addition to the prize for the biggest fish in any single category, an award will go to the

member in each of the two clubs who brings ashore the heaviest largemouth bass.

Filled-out contest blanks from the Recreation Department should be turned in to the Recreation Center, where they will be filed, then tabulated when the contest closes next fall. Any entry submitted after the deadline date of October 31 will be placed in competition for the following year.

TOP angler for 1957 was Leon Dawkins of Carding, who landed an albacore weighing 18½

pounds, a king mackerel of 16 pounds and a jack crevalle of 11½ pounds. The next two leading fishermen at the plant were J. C. Barker, Shop, who turned in a 12-pound carp; and Troy Jones, Shop, who caught a 6½-pound catfish. In a special category, Claude Jonas of SYC Weaving posted the biggest largemouth bass—6 pounds, 10 ounces.

For the past two years there have been no "hard-luck" fishing stories submitted in the contest. This summer, entries may be turned in through October.

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