



"IDEAL ATHLETES OF 1957" pose with General Manager Harold Mercer (standing, second from right). They are (seated, from left): Mazel Johnson and Martha Kendrick; and (standing, from left): Harold Burgess, Leon Dawkins, and David Rollins (extreme right). Leon Dawkins was also chosen one of the two "Most Competitive Athletes of 1957." The other was Doris McCready, (standing, center). The sixth "Ideal Athlete", Bill Head, was absent when the presentation was made.



THE SUPREMACY TROPHY represents the highest number of awards won by a department during the year. Here, S. L. Owens (left), overseer in Carding, receives the Trophy for his department from Nelson Kessell, general superintendent at the plant. It was the first time since 1944 that employees in Carding had had possession of the honored emblem. In 1945, Spinning tied with Twisting for the Trophy. When Weaving captured the top-honor cup in 1957, it broke a tradition which had been established by Spinning, which had won it for the nine years previous to that time.

Spring Vacations Gain Popularity

It's not an unusual idea any more to think of taking your annual vacation in April or May. A recent survey shows that 60 per cent of the population now go on vacation during the months that were formerly thought of as off-season.

"More people every year are discovering the joys of taking a sightseeing trip before the hot, crowded summer months make traveling sometimes more of a chore than a joy," according to the tour director of a major bus system which operates more than 72,000 miles of U.S. High-

ways, and offers tours from Canada to Mexico.

DIVIDING vacation time between peak summer months and off-season is also gaining in popularity, the survey showed.

Many employees are getting longer vacations, and people are finding it beneficial to split this leisure time rather than taking it all at once.

Among the most popular places which sightseers visit in springtime are the Great Smoky Mountains when azaleas, mountain laurel and rhododendron are in bloom; Charleston, S. C., for plantation tours, and the house-and-garden pilgrimages and tours of colonial Virginia.

May 19-24 Is National Cotton Week

King Cotton will get his annual salute the week of May 19-24, when more than 15,000 retail outlets are expected to participate in the observance of National Cotton Week for 1958. Community-wide celebrations will be held in more than 100 cities and towns.

Coming at the height of the pre-summer selling season, National Cotton Week coincides with a period of maximum public interest in cotton itself. During May, national magazines devote the greater part of their coverage of apparel and household fashions to cotton. There is more cotton product advertising in May than in any other month in the year.

Stars Were On Parade At All-Sports Banquet

At the 22nd All-Sports Banquet in April this year, more than 200 employees and members of their families stood up to be counted as champions, when they were cited for noteworthy achievement in their participation in the sports and recreation program during 1957.

Trophies handed out ranged from the one for the person who landed the biggest fish last summer to the Supremacy Trophy, the coveted departmental symbol of top excellence in the greatest number of recreation activities during the year. Also among the many awards were trophies to each of three women and three men, who had been elected by their fellow sports as "Ideal Athletes of 1957."

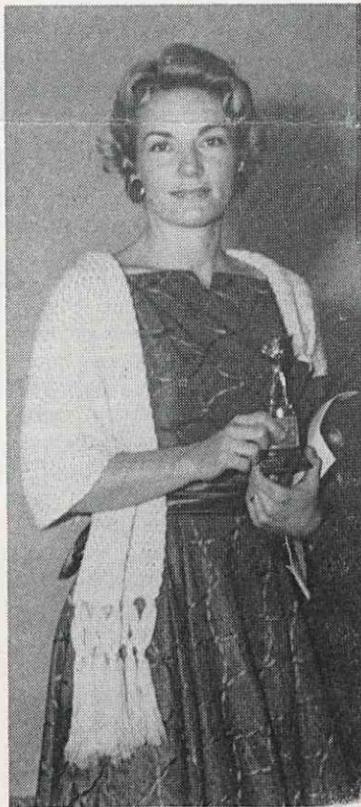
One man and one woman were selected as "Most Competitive Athletes of 1957," and received the Johnson Cup, sponsored by the plant recreation director, Ralph Johnson.

In addition to these general awards, trophies were presented to teams, leagues and individuals for outstanding achievement in bowling, basketball, billiards, bocce, shuffleboard, softball, baseball, golf, table tennis, checkers, rifle target shooting, football bowl guessing, fishing, and garden club activities.



Banquet Speaker Honored

RECOGNITION PLAQUE—The Recreation Department lived up to its reputation of bringing another of the nation's outstanding sports personalities as speaker for the occasion. This time, it was Earle Edwards, head football coach at North Carolina State College. Here recreation director Ralph Johnson (left), presents Mr. Edwards a plaque in recognition of the State College Wolfpack mentor's leadership in his field of the sports world.



TOP SCORER — In league competition the Women's Softball Team was one of several Firestone champions in the Gaston county inter-industry league. One member, Lillian Deaton, had the highest batting average ever recorded for a Firestone softball team. Her score was .670.

Bob Purkey Named To NCRC Post

Bob Purkey is serving as secretary and treasurer of the Industrial Division of the North Carolina Recreation Commission. The Firestone assistant recreation director, chosen at a recent meeting of the organization, will serve through 1959.

Recreation Director Ralph Johnson is president-elect of the State Recreation Commission. He will take office in September.

Check House Wiring For Safe Living

If your house is over ten years old, there's a good chance that it's among the more than 20 million in the United States that suffer from inadequate wiring.

If the lights dim or flicker when the automatic toaster is turned on, and if the bread in the toaster pops up only half browned, your wiring is likely overloaded.

Reason for the overload today is that there are more appliances in use than there were ten years ago. Such things as television sets were new on the scene a decade ago. Today the number reaches into the several millions. There are millions more radio sets, too.

Most homes today have a minimum of eight kinds of appliances: TV, radio, refrigerator, iron, electric clock, washer, toaster, and vacuum cleaner.

Put too many of these on one circuit and, poof! There goes a fuse—or maybe a fire.

MANY American homes have only 30 or 60 amperes service. Electricians say that 100 amperes are barely ample. A 30-ampere entrance service is one in which a maximum of 3,600 watts are available in the house at any time.

The wattage rating of an automatic toaster is 1,100 watts, hand iron, 1,000, TV and refrigerator, 300 each. These, along with a few other appliances turned on at once, may constitute an overload.

If there is any doubt about the adequacy of your electric wiring, a checkup by an expert may save you money in the long run and possibly the lives of you and your family.

Joyce Redding Is BSU Leader

Miss Joyce Redding is serving for the 1958-59 term as secretary of the Baptist Student Union of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone. She was installed on Sunday, April 13, at the First Baptist Church of Boone.

A rising senior, Miss Redding is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Redding, and is a grammar-grade education major. She has served as the BSU representative to the religious council at Appalachian.

Her father is a humidifier operator here; her mother works in Spooling.

THE HILLS BEYOND

Funeral services for H. E. Funderburk were held April 20 at First AR Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, and burial was in Forest Lawn Park there. Survivors besides Mrs. Funderburk and a daughter are 14 of his brothers and sisters and step-brothers and step-sisters. Among them is a step-brother, Paul Walker, foreman in the Roller Shop.

Funeral for Mrs. Docie Laney Deese, 86, of Lancaster County, S. C., was held March 31, at Mount Zion Baptist Church, near Monroe, N. C.

Her son, William L. Deese, is an intermediate frame tender in Carding.

The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles says that the average car is not as young as it used to be.

Check yours for signs of age—and check accidents.