



THIS GROUP believes that it pays to temper work with play. Officers and most of the membership of the Firestone Recreation Council are (seated, from left): Milton Nichols, Nell Bolick, Helen Bolick, Delores Fritton, Doris McCready and Flora Pence. (Standing, from left): H. S. Cauthen, C. M. Ferguson, Payton Lewis, Roland Conrad, Ralph Johnson, Fred Morrow, Nellie

Stowe, Alvin Riley, Bob Purkey and R. L. Tompkins. The officers are R. L. Tompkins, president; Delores Fritton, vice president; Flora Pence, secretary, with Doris McCready, assistant; and Alvin Riley, treasurer, with Roland Conrad, assistant. Of the membership not present for the picture: Earlene Creasman, Thomas Ipock, Jr., S. L. Owens, Paul Walker.

20-Member Council Guides Plant Recreation

The year-round recreation service at Firestone in Gastonia is often acclaimed the most efficiently-operated program of its kind in the Southeast. Now in its 23rd year of ever-expanding activity, the recreation program owes much to a well-organized and smoothly-functioning unit composed of persons who represent many departments of the plant.

If you have ever wondered what is responsible in large measure for keeping the wheels of the play program rolling along, look to the Firestone Recreation Council. This behind-the-scenes organization of 20 members is more than 22 years old. It exists for the purpose of promoting and overseeing the entire recreation program, uniting into one group the elected representatives of all recreation interests sponsored by Firestone Textiles.

MAIN objective of the Council, according to its constitution, is "to foster and maintain the highest standards of qualifications, training and ethics, and to stimulate and further a wide interest in all wholesome forms of recreation and employee activities carried on by Firestone employees and members of their families."

Moreover, the Council operates broadly in whatever way it deems needful in order to further the interests of recreation in the plant here, the community, the State and the Na-

tion. It strives to coordinate activities of all agencies—public, private, industrial and commercial—which are concerned with recreation.

Beyond this, the Council serves as a central agency through which all matters related to recreation in the plant can be cleared and submitted to management for decisions. For the purpose of mutual benefit, it affiliates with and works with other agencies and organizations having similar or related objectives.

COUNCIL membership, numbering 20 at present, is made up of representation from each club, team or organization connected with plant-sponsored recreation. A special provision is made for honorary membership—persons who have made outstanding contributions to the

recreation program at Firestone.

As a functioning unit, the Council operates under the leadership of a president and vice president elected every two years; and a secretary and a treasurer, each elected annually in March. The four officers and three members-at-large compose an executive committee which transacts the business of the group, except that processed at regular or special meetings of the whole membership.

For his term of office the president appoints functional committees including those which are responsible for the overall Council program, nomination of officers, membership, publicity, and public relations.

The Council, always at work around the calendar, meets on the third Wednesday of each month, with special meetings called as the occasion arises.

DAY or NIGHT make it right!

No matter what shift you're on, work every minute as though your job depends on the quality of our goods...because it does!

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Do You Remember The Middle Name?

You are familiar with the following names of United States Presidents, and other outstanding Americans. But can you recall the name for which each middle initial stands?

1. Ulysses S. Grant;
 2. James A. Garfield;
 3. Henry W. Longfellow;
 4. Warren G. Harding;
 5. Robert E. Lee;
 6. Booker T. Washington;
 7. James K. Polk;
 8. Dwight L. Moody;
 9. Thomas A. Edison;
 10. Jefferson F. Davis.
- (Answers on page 8)

WARP AND FILLING

Of The Passing Scene

Wanted: Billions For Industrial Growth

Would you venture a guess at the amount of money that American business and industry will have to raise in the next 20 years to provide new jobs? It's something in the neighborhood of \$240,000,000,000.

It is estimated that during the next two decades 20,000,000 employees will be added to the work force in this country. And for each new job, an investment of \$12,000 will be required.

Builders?

Three years ago, when James E. Trainer came to Charlotte to address the North Carolina State Safety Meeting, he ended his oft-recalled speech with a bit of verse. The poetry, from the pen of R. L. Sharpe, was kept as scrapbook material by one of the employees here who heard the address of the Company's Executive Vice President. These lines quoted by him pose one of life's searching questions:

Isn't it strange that princes and kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
And common folks like you and me
Are Builders for Eternity?

To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules.
And each must make, ere life is flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

Help Along The Way

Now that the season of the Open Road is here again, Employment Manager Charles M. Ferguson thought you might share profitably in this Traveler's Prayer. It was printed on a billfold card and circulated by the Gastonia City Police Department several summers ago:

"God, be with us this day,
watch over us, insure us against danger, protect us from harm. Be ever at our side—to light the way, to guard, to rule and guide us safely to our journey's end. Amen."

Anatomy of the Dollar

Ever wonder how distribution of the dollar averages out in the spending of U. S. income? According to the latest research on this subject, the dollar is split, cents-wise, in these ways:

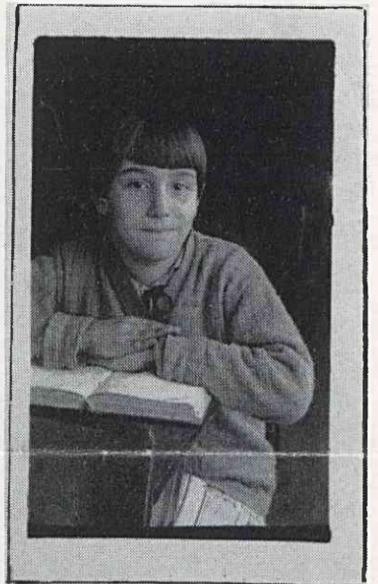
Housing	34
Food	29
Transportation	11
Clothing	9
Medical Care	5
Others	12

Textile Facts

Approximately 15 million jobs in the United States depend upon the textile industry.

Gaston County, N. C., produces more yarn than any other county in the nation. It also leads the nation in the number of spindles in place.

In North Carolina, textiles manufacturing leads all other industries in the number of workers and volume of business.



Recognize Her?

Remember the days of the itinerant photographer who, like the mercantile drummer, sought most of his customers in the out-of-way places along the back roads? Favorite among his subjects were enquiring-eyed children at the village schoolhouse, lined up to have their pictures made for the nostalgic price of three for 25 cents. This photo of an employee, taken in the era before flash bulbs and speed films, was made at a one-room school in the little mining town of Rachel in northern West Virginia. The subject was in the second grade at that time. Do you recognize her? Clue: She works in Synthetic Twisting, fifth floor. Check your guess against her name on page 8.



When Firestone celebrated 20 years of history at Gastonia in May of 1955, 200 men and women were honored as those who were working here during the plant's first year of operation, and who were employed at the time of the two-decade anniversary. Also at that time, more than 15 per cent of the employee strength had been with the organization 15 years or more, and another 15 per cent had between 10 and 15 years of service.

To bring you up-to-date on the service record figures, a check as of May this year show-

ed that the total number of service pins distributed by Firestone Textiles stood at:

Years	Pins
20	280
15	547
10	1,179
5	2,299

An impressive list! That roster of 20-year people alone represents 5,600 years of continuous service. The Firestone organization has always considered the loyalty and proficiency of its employees to be priceless assets. It is proud of its people with long records of service.