

# Safety Is Always A Twenty-Four Hour Job

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He is a wise man who rejoices for those things he has and does not grieve for the things he has not. —Epictetus

Make other people like themselves a little better, and I promise you they will like you very well. —Lord Chesterfield



### SUMMER'S ON HER WAY

Spring emptied her box of marvelous treasures and gave the promise of even better things ahead—with summer coming on. For some, there will be the gentle feel of green grass under bare feet, and the skin tingle of cool water at the swimming hole. Spring is a wonderful season meant for the glory of all, especially youngsters. Ronnie Parks extends a sniff of golden daffodils to his dog Tink. But Tink fails to share his master's interest in the wonder and mystery of Nature's time of rebirth. Ronnie is the son of J. L. Parks Jr., Mechanical department, and Mrs. Parks of 1013 West Second Avenue.

### Firestone Scholar Assigned RE Job For Summer

Miss Peggy Davis, in her third year at High Point College on a Firestone Scholarship, will serve as assistant director of education at Covenant Methodist Church here this summer.

She will be on duty for the Gastonia church from the first week in June through August. Miss Davis is a Christian education major at High Point. Her mother works in the Cloth Room.

The student is among six Gastonia area young people who have won company scholarships for college work. Three of them are still in school.

At High Point this spring, Miss Davis was inducted into the oldest honor society on the college campus. Members of the Order of the Lighted Lamp tapped her, nine other juniors, and one senior for membership.

The order selects members on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership, and service to the college. Nominations are made by members and must be passed unanimously, then approved by a vote of the college faculty.

Lighted Lamp induction rites are held each year. Candidates do not know about the honor until a member of the order comes

### BEFORE EPIDEMIC SEASON

## Get Polio Protection Now

The vaccine which Dr. Jonas Salk developed as protection against paralytic polio was announced ready for general use early in 1955. You'd think that such a miracle development as this would have been universally received and used by the public. But not so. In early 1959, two Americans in three still had not been fully inoculated against the ravages of paralytic polio.

As a tragic result of neglect, polio epidemics in 1958 erupted in Michigan, New

Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Montana and Hawaii. In the Detroit area alone, 876 persons were afflicted, and 23 died.

Especially alarming last year was an increase in the rate of occurrence of paralytic polio—44 per cent higher than in 1957. More than half these cases involved preschool children, most of whom had not been vaccinated.

Basil O'Connor, president of The National Foundation, through which the Salk Vaccine was developed, reported that only half as much vaccine was shipped for domestic use in 1958, as was shipped in 1957.

Mr. O'Connor points out that "carelessness and lack

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down the aisle and taps them on the shoulder. Then they go to the stage where the induction oath is administered by the dean of the college.

### 205 FEET HIGH

## Big Smokestack Overhauled

Steeplejacks of a Wilkes Barre, Pa. construction company scaled the plant smokestack in March for a routine inspection and repair on the rim of the towering landmark.

The workmen gained the uppermost height of the 205-foot brick-and-mortar column by erecting a chain of ladders and anchoring it to the grounding cable of the lightning rods.

Built in 1900 along with the original unit of the plant structure, the stack has an 18-foot-diameter base and a pinnacle of 16 feet.

Constructed to carry away smoke, smog and fumes from eight giant coal-burning boilers, it now serves two gas-fed boilers and the exhaust system of the multi-stage nylon gum-dipping and tensioning unit.

Once on top, the men erected a circular walkway around the crest of the lofty chimney. It took a little more than four working days to put the stack in top repair, in a project that comes around once in every ten years.

Materials and tools were sent up and down by a block-and-tackle elevator.

Before their last downward journey, the workmen had re-pointed all courses of brick on the top of the structure, removed the weathered rim and replaced the top course of bricks with new ones, and had finished it off with a new concrete cap. As a final touch, they installed a new lightning arrester system.

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Dwarfed by elevation, two workmen of a crew of five made a trial climb to the top of the stack. One stood at the ladder anchor on the rim, while the other (partially hidden in steam vapors) was on the last few yards of the skyward journey.

## Clean-Fix-Paint Week Set For April 19-25

Firestone people will join their fellow employees at the plant, and their neighbors at home in the Gastonia area, for observance of April 19-25 as Clean-up, Fix-up, Paint-up Week.

Plant safety director A. V. Riley is chairman of an activities committee which will encourage local industries to participate in the C-F-P program again this year.

On April 17 a Beautification

Beauty Queen will be chosen at the Elks Club. She will reign over activities of the spring beautification observance.

This year's program outlines these dates and activities:

Sunday, April 19: Church co-operative day, in which ministers have opportunity to use their program bulletin and other media to remind their congregations of Clean-up Week.

Monday, April 20: Inspection of uptown buildings for fire hazards, and fire drills conducted by City Fire department.

Tuesday, April 21: City trucks

available to pick up rubbish and litter within city. Lions Club broom sale begins.

Wednesday, April 22: School Health Day, in which teachers encourage students to clean up classrooms and grounds and to take home check lists. Loving cups will be given to schools having best participation.

Thursday, April 23: Paint-up Day.

Friday, April 24: Beautification Day for both city and urban areas.

Saturday, April 25: Safety and Check-up Day.

## Good Plant Housekeeping Related To Safety, Quality Workmanship

To practice good housekeeping in the plant is not just a way of "prettying up" the surroundings in which you work—important as this may be.

The department in which every man and woman on the job is truly interested in housekeeping is usually the department where you can find good safety conditions, and the pro-

duction of high-quality workmanship.

Good housekeeping is planned and realized only upon carefulness, thoughtfulness, and much effort on the part of every worker in a department.

Good housekeeping, accident-prevention and quality workmanship go hand-in-hand every shift of the working day.

