

## Main Office

Mary Helen Pearson is a new employee in the Accounting department. Her husband, Max Pearson, works in the Quality Control laboratory. They live at 402 North Edgemont avenue.

Peggy Hanna of the purchasing office accompanied her fiancé, Paul Simpson, to Richmond, Va., recently, where they visited his mother, Mrs. B. M. Simpson.

## Spooling

Edward Dailey of Twisting, Mrs. Dailey, warper helper in Spooling, along with their children spent a recent week end in Athens, Ga. There they visited the parents of the elder Gastonia Daileys, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Deal and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Dailey.

Mrs. Beulah Dockery of Akron, Ohio visited in April with her sister, Maggie Reed, starter maker in Spooling.

S. B. Spencer was a patient in the Kings Mountain Hospital in April. Mrs. Spencer is a spooler tender here.

Mrs. R. M. Newton, warper tender, and Mr. Newton recently visited Mr. and Mrs. George Hudson in Hickory, N. C. Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Hudson are sisters.

Cleo Buchanan, spooler tender, is a grandmother of Jeffry James Garrett, born March 12 to Mr. and Mrs. James Garrett Jr., of High Shoals. Mrs. Garrett is the former Patricia Buchanan, daughter of the Spooling employee here.

## Warehouse

Mrs. Finley Williams came home in April after having undergone surgery at Divine Saviour Hospital in York, S. C. Mr. Williams is a fork-lift truck driver, second shift.

Mrs. Spurgeon Webber has returned to Gastonia from Baltimore, Md., where she visited her sister. Mr. Webber works in the Warehouse, second shift.

Thomas J. Ross, fork-lift truck operator, has returned to work after a leave of absence on account of illness.

Warehouse employees are glad to see George Jackson back on the job, after having been a patient in Gaston County Negro Hospital. Mr. Jackson works in the Shipping department.

John A. Jenkins' wife, and also his mother, were recovering nicely from illnesses in late April. Mr. Jenkins works in the cotton opening room.

## Weaving

Upon completion of a term of service, B/3c Carroll W. Veitch was honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy, from the Receiving Station at Norfolk, Va., in April. Carroll is the son of Mr. and Mrs. McClure Veitch, both of Weaving (cotton). They live at 304 South Vance street.

## Camp Firestone

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replaced with masonry blocks, and other improvements have been made in the kitchen.



NEVER PARK

- ✓ Double on the street
- ✓ Near a fire hydrant
- ✓ Beside a safety zone
- ✓ On a cross road, cross walk or sidewalk
- ✓ On a highway, pull off on the side
- ✓ With any part of the car too far out into the street.

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At Camp Firestone, members of employee families enjoy fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, hiking, and other recreation such as horseshoe-pitching. For the children, there are swings, seesaws, and a protected wading area on the lake.

ANGLERS may catch bluegill, crappie, large and small-mouth bass, and walleyed pike. In spring and again in autumn big rainbow trout are also there for the taking.

As in past years, applications for use of the camp are made at the industrial relations office. A person or party makes only one reservation at a time, but after the visit is made, another application may be filed.

If you make a reservation and then can't go at the scheduled time, let the IR office know in advance. Since there is usually a waiting list, your thoughtfulness could make it possible for someone else to have your place at the camp—and a delightful stay in the mountains.

## Booklet Celebrates Racing Anniversary

To celebrate its golden anniversary in auto racing, the Firestone Company has published a history and complete records of nine of the world's greatest automobile races.

The company started building race tires in 1909. They were on the winning car in the first 300-mile race at Indianapolis that year. Firestone tires were on the first 500-mile race at Indianapolis in 1911. Since 1920, company-made tires have been on every winning car in the racing classic.

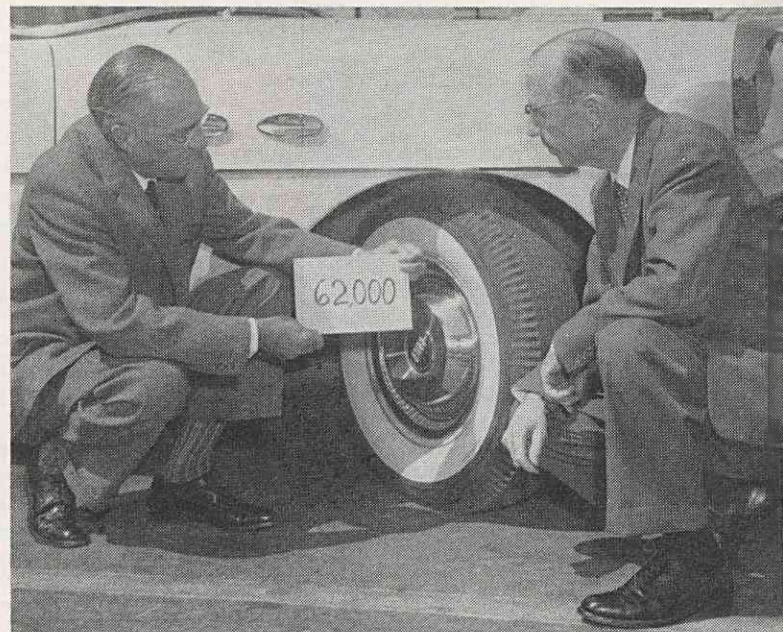
A pocket-size book of 34 illustrated pages in a red and gold cover presents the complete story behind such races as the Indianapolis 500 and the 500 Miglia di Monza in Italy.

**OTHER RACES** and tracks covered in detail are the Southern 500 at Darlington, S. C.; Milwaukee 200; Daytona Beach Speedway; Trenton Speedway, Bonneville (Utah) Speed Trials; Pikes Peak Hill Climb, Colorado Springs, Col.; and Danville (Va.) International Raceway.

Additional features of the record book are an introduction by Raymond C. Firestone, company president; a history of race tire development, and photographs and descriptions of the company's 24 different types of race tires.

**Copies of the golden anniversary record book are available to employees, at the Industrial Relations office.**

The general public may obtain the book by addressing Firestone Public Relations Department, Akron 17, Ohio.



## CHAMPIONS—LONG ON QUALITY

When Carl Moore of Gastonia purchased his new 1956 Buick Special, the original equipment included a set of Firestone DeLuxe Champion tires. The owner—a representative for Southern Belting Company of Atlanta, and a Firestone supplier—rolled up 32,000 miles on the original tires before having them recapped. At the time of a routine visit to the plant in mid-April he had put more than 30,000 additional miles on the tires—with hardly a show of wear on the treads. Here Mr. Moore dramatizes the long-mileage record for R. L. Tompkins, Firestone Textiles purchasing agent.

## Safety Awards

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ty honors in one of these ways:

1. By reducing the plant accident frequency rate 40 per cent or more during the year preceding the award, compared with the plant's rate the year before that.

2. By attaining a record of no injuries resulting in lost-time last year.

3. By maintaining an injury rate 75 per cent below the state average for a particular industry.

Firestone was eligible on the basis of its low frequency rate of accidents last year. Based on the average number of employees over the year, the plant accrued a total of 3,134,765 man-hours with only 3 injuries that resulted in lost-time. This placed the record at 78 per cent below the State accident frequency rate average for the textile industry.

The 50 business and industrial establishments represented at the awards meeting in April operated a little more than 14 million manhours with only 19 disabling injuries.

Each year the State Department of Labor makes the safety awards to organizations having up to 50 employees. Establishments with more than 50 employees get joint awards from the N. C. and the U. S. Departments of Labor.

## A Visitor Liked What He Saw

John L. Goff, president of the North Carolina Ministers Association of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), recently toured the plant here. During the time he was in Gastonia for a preaching mission. Mr. Goff had his first look at production inside a tire fabrics textile operation. He is minister of the Christian Church at Ayden, Pitt county. A son, John L. Goff Jr., is principal of Gastonia's Arlington Junior High School and president of the local Optimist Club.

The elder Mr. Goff's note of appreciation, sent to the Industrial Relations department, is typical of frequent comments from visitors who tour Firestone Textiles:

"Among the many pleasant experiences shared in Gastonia was the tour you arranged at Firestone. It is thrilling to recall the drive and efficiency with which one of our major industries produces its goods. It is educational and inspirational to see evidences of the planning, organization and detail that go into the successful operation of our American industrial system."

## When To Paint

The best time to paint a house is just before it begins to show signs that paint is needed. According to the experts, that is the time when the job requires the least pre-painting preparation.

When you restore the protective coating which shows almost no damage, one coat will often do the job of two later on.

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**TWISTING**—Elease Cole, Vera Carswell, Katie Elkins, Annie Cozey, Catherine Fletcher.

**SALES YARN TWISTING**—Elmina Bradshaw.

**SYC WEAVING**—Maxie Carey, Ruth Veitch.

**CORD WEAVING**—Irene Odell, Mary Johnson, Samuel Hill.

**QUALITY CONTROL**—Sally Crawford, Leila Rape, and Louella Queen.

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