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THANKSGIVING THOUGHT

O Thou Who has given so much to us, give one thing more — a grateful heart.

—George Herbert

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FLUFFY SLIVER—Fred Walker of Carding told visiting flower judges about sliver stage of cotton processing. With him, from left are Mesdames R. L. Lewis of Bessemer City; W. M. Gant, J. E. Herndon, Moffatt Ware Sr., and W. L. Pressley, all of Kings Mountain.



WARP PATTERN—Pauline Dailey, center foreground, showed how yarn is wound from package to large warping beam for weaving. Behind her, from left: Mesdames James J. Deegan, Clark H. Broward, Fenton Wells, Stanley E. Moore Jr., and Frank B. Kirkland, all of Charlotte.

'Safe Off-Job' Emphasis In December

Every month is safety month—both on and off the job. Any thinking employee will tell you that. But he will be quick to add that there are rich rewards in special emphasis on accident prevention.

For this reason, December is traditionally off-the-job safety month at all Firestone factories in the United States. The Gastonia plant will join other company units across the country, to observe this period when employees will be reminded of safety attitudes and practices as they apply to life away from the job.

Emphasis is through messages delivered by members of supervision to people in all departments, posters, employee publications, bulletin board notices, displays, and various other means of promotion.

THE AIM is to point up the truth that it is vitally important—often a matter of life or death—to take home the safety attitudes and practices which are a part of the everyday job.

Executive vice president J. E. Trainer has noted that through safety-consciousness as a day-to-day practice, Firestone plants throughout the country are known for their good accident-control records. He pointed out that off-job safety is just as vital to every employee and member of his family.

"We are proving over and over that we can work safely at the job. Safety off-the-job is also our constant challenge."

Two Leaders Are Promoted In Scouting

Francis B. Galligan, cotton division superintendent, was elected chairman of the Gaston County district, Boy Scouts of America, at the district's first annual meeting at Masonic Temple in late October. Gaston is among the 11 counties making up the Piedmont Council, BSA. In the Gastonia district there are 70 units, including Scout troops, Explorer posts, and Cub packs.

Mr. Galligan, district commissioner for the past year, succeeds J. Crawford Poag of McAdenville.

At the October meeting, Firestone safety director A. V. Riley was selected commissioner to take Mr. Galligan's place.

The new county chairman has been a leader in Boy Scout circles since he became plant manager of the Bennettsville

(S. C.) Cotton Mills, now Firestone Textiles at Bennettsville. Mr. Galligan was district commissioner of Marlboro County in 1945-46, and district chairman during 1947.

When he came to the Gastonia plant in the late 1940s, he was appointed neighborhood commissioner of the four troops in the Firestone community. He was in this assignment until 1956, the year he received the Scouter Award.

Mr. Riley, the new county commissioner, has been active in Scouting, with several years of leadership as a neighborhood commissioner. In recent months he has been instrumental in organizing and promoting the Speakers' Bureau project of the Governor's Traffic Safety Council.

Under this program, Boy Scouts who qualify are available to appear at meetings of civic clubs and other community groups, and on radio and TV programs, where they make talks on the subject of highway safety.

Many Awards Are Listed In Standard Flower Show

More than 80 awards and "honorable mentions" went to exhibitors when Variety Garden Club of Firestone staged its two-day standard flower show at the Recreation Center in October.

Roses, dahlias, and chrysanthemums were featured flowers of the show. Entries were reviewed by ten out-of-town judges approved by the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs.

Variety Club president, Mrs. Wyatt Keever was chairman of the event which drew entries from members of Firestone employee families and others of the plant community. On the first day of the show, members of the club were luncheon hostesses honoring the judges. Mrs. Harold Mercer, wife of the plant manager, and recreation director Ralph Johnson were special guests. Later that day, Mr. Johnson conducted the judges on a tour of the plant.

rose, grown on the plant lawn, went to Firestone Textiles.

Additional Awards

Of other entries top awards in horticulture went to Mesdames Rother Henderson, Clayton Wilson, W. R. Turner, W. A. Keever, Henry Chastain, M. L. Foy, J. Carl Stowe Sr., Jack Kennedy, H. O. Eisenhower, H. A. Cauthen, Irma Hendricks; Miss Teresa Chastain, and John P. Smith.

Among all classes, exhibitors receiving one or more awards

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Top Honors Listed

Of the awards, Mrs. W. R. Turner received the Jackson-Perkins silver trophy for her rose entry. Blue ribbon winners in arrangements were Mesdames H. O. Eisenhower, W. R. Turner, Wyatt Keever, M. L. Foy, and G. D. Gates. Jackson-Perkins certificates went to Mrs. W. R. Turner, Mrs. H. A. Cauthen, and George Jackson.

In the junior division Misses Doris Ann Caldwell and Belinda Henderson received first places.

A third place award for a red

IN TEXTILES

Workers Paid \$652,476,000 Last Year

Last year, 219,100 North Carolinians were furnished jobs by the textile industry. These jobs paid workers \$652,476,000, the State Employment Security Commission announced at an October meeting of the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers' Association.

Textile employment represents 26.3 per cent of all North Carolina workers covered by the state's employment security laws and 46.9 per cent of all manufacturing employees, the report showed.

For the first quarter of 1959, textile employment in the state had risen to 220,925, and the 1959 payroll is expected to equal or go beyond the 1957 payroll of \$647,095,000.

'Eyewitness' Back In Spring

The final three programs in Firestone's "Eyewitness to History" series over the CBS television network will be presented sometime next spring, when President Eisenhower visits the Soviet Union.

Originally, the President was scheduled to visit Russia in October, but has postponed his unprecedented visit until early 1960.

The first 11 of the 14 "Eyewitness" company-sponsored programs were devoted to President Eisenhower's conferences with Allied leaders in Western

Europe (four programs); and Soviet Khrushchev's visit to the United States (seven programs).

In the House of Representatives, just before adjournment this fall, Rep. William H. Ayers (R. Ohio) praised the Firestone telecast series. Concluding his remarks, Rep. Ayers said:

"CBS News, as a national news service, and The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, as one of the nation's leading industrial concerns, are due highest praise for their efforts in keeping the American people informed."