

Emmett S. Fullington's Job: To Find 'The One Best Way'

Searching for the One Best Way is a continuing task of Emmett S. Fullington, engineer of processes and operations at the Gastonia plant. The Macon, Ga., native, who came here late last year, has the important assignment of research and analysis which leads to developing and putting into operation improved methods of manufacturing.

This pursuit leads to efficiency of operation of manpower and machines, allowing the company to produce the most goods possible for the least expenditure, and of such quality and price that will stand up on the products market.

"The more and better goods we are able to produce at fair prices will enable us to remain contestants in the game of competition," Mr. Fullington explains.

THE MAN who seeks ways and means toward more and better production, has acquired valuable experience in textile manufacturing since the day he relinquished his second lieutenant rank in the Air Force in 1954. A Fighter-observation pilot, his last assignment was on front-line support, forward air control in Korea.

He was graduated from high school in Macon, and received the bachelor of textile engineering degree from Georgia Tech in 1950.

Upon return from his three years' Air Force duty, he was employed for two years as production supervisor in a Greenville, S. C. plant of a leading textile manufacturer. For two and a half years he was standards and laboratory overseer in a factory producing cotton goods



Emmett S. Fullington

in Atlanta. Then, after 18 months as methods engineer at a children's-wear plant in Georgia, he came to Firestone.

Mr. and Mrs. Fullington with their sons, Michael, 3, and Paul, 4 months, live on Poston Circle. The family attends First Baptist Church of Gastonia.

Airide Springs Bring New Era To Trucking

Airide by Firestone has helped to bring in a new era of driving comfort and safety in the trucking industry. In making this observation, president R. D. Smith of Firestone Industrial Products Company, Noblesville, Ind., said:

"General Motors Corporation features an Airide suspension on its new DLR-8000 and DFR-8000 highway tractors. These two models are so different from those built in the past that they have been called a new concept in highway tractors. They are the lightest and safest of any in their field."

These two GE trucks feature a new type of stabilized Airide, independent front wheel suspension, fabricated frames and aluminum tilt cabs, achieving major advances in light weight and safety design.

"One of the chief improvements to handling ease and riding comfort lies in the stabilized Airide," Mr. Smith added. It has a fast-recovery piston-type air springs and leveling valve at each wheel.

A NEW TYPE of single convolution air springs replaces the former double convolution air bellows, doing away with the need for an air reservoir tank to get the desired ride. This suspension system also makes possible an exceptionally-short overall length. Both GMC units measure only 48 inches from bumper to back of cab.

PEOPLE, PLACES
and EVENTS
in the



Cloth Room

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rhyne visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spencer and family in Orlando, Fla., in early February. While in Florida, the Rhynes attended the Daytona International Speedway stockcar races. They saw Marion "Bubba" Farr win the 250-mile modified race; and Jack Smith and Glen "Fireball" Roberts win 100-mile late-model feature races, in cars equipped with Firestone tires.

Mrs. Edna Champion, inspector, and daughter Anne spent a February week-end in Liberty, S. C.

Mrs. Buddy Johnson, inspector, and Mr. Johnson visited recently with their son Richard Johnson at Wilson, N. C. Richard is a freshman at Atlantic Christian College.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler of Charlotte spent a recent week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Waldrep. The Waldreps work in this department.

Mrs. Howard Moses came back to work in February after several days spent at Mr. Moses' bedside in Asheville, while he was recovering from surgery.

Main Office

Charles McKee, Shipping, and Mrs. McKee (Margie) spent a recent week visiting his mother in Greenville, Miss. From there, the McKees went on to Houston, Texas, for a brief visit with other relatives.

Mrs. Lane Creasman, switchboard operator and a Main Office receptionist, came back to work in February, after a short period of illness at a local hospital.

Warehouse

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Wellman visited their son in Philadelphia, Pa., recently. Mr. Wellman is a fork-lift truck operator.

Mrs. Albert Meeks is back home from recent treatment at Gaston County Negro Hospital. Her husband is a conveyor operator.

Methods Man Here Helped Write Book

Thomas A. Grant of Firestone in Gastonia is a contributing author of a 216-page manual on time study for the textile industry, released this year by Textile Book Publishers Inc., a division of Interscience Publishers, Inc., of New York.

The 19-chapter manual represents work of 27 contributors who are members of the Southern Textile Methods & Standards Association, which conducts research and provides a forum at which methods and standards personnel exchange experiences, information and ideas.

The book editor is Norbert Lloyd Enrick, associate director of research and head of the operations research division, Institute of Textile Technology. Mr. Enrick took the work of the contributors and added material from his own files, gathered from his consulting and research experiences.

The book to which Mr. Grant has contributed grew out of the need for a special manual written from the standpoint of applications in the textile industry. It was designed to fill this need and to serve as a study

reference, and training aid for the time study engineer and his assistants.

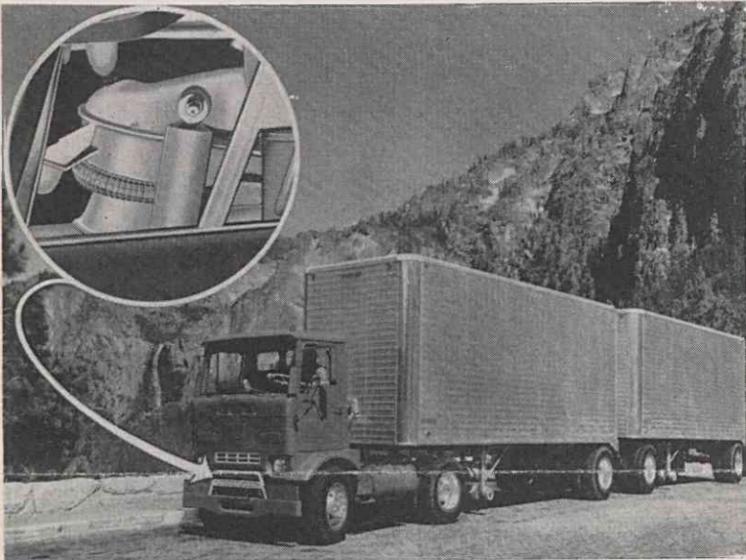
A supplementary volume to the manual published this year is now in preparation. James E. Cooper, chief methods and standards engineer at Firestone Textiles, will be a contributor to that work.

Henson's Hobby Drew A Comment

The front-page story of plant engineer W. G. Henson and his collection of clocks, published in the January issue of Firestone News, has occasioned a comment from an outstanding authority on timepiece collecting.

Referring to the article "Time-piece Collection Offers A Lesson For The New Year", Earl P. Strickler wrote: "Mr. Henson's hobby is all to Firestone's good. I know from experience that he—with his keen awareness of Time—can approach each new day's work problem with a fresh outlook . . ."

Mr. Strickler is managing director of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors, Inc., and curator of the Columbia (Pa.) Museum of Horological Antiquities.



AIRIDE—Spring system on this General Motors DLR-800 highway tractor features independent suspension. The Airide by Firestone air spring system makes possible elimination of both front axle and heavy leaf springs. Rubber and nylon fabric are principal materials in Airide.

Firestone People In Church Paper

Two members of Firestone Textiles families in Gastonia were featured in a group picture which was published in the February 6 issue of Biblical Recorder, journal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Mrs. Mamie Stevens of Twisting (synthetics) and Mrs. Stanley Huffstetler whose husbands works in Winding were in the picture with the Rev. Guy Walker, minister of Temple Baptist Church of Gastonia; Mrs. Katherine Gaston, superintendent of the Gaston Baptist Association Extension Department and Carroll Henderson, Sunday school

superintendent at Temple. Others were Mrs. George Michael, Mrs. Lander Mincey, Mrs. J. M. Sosebee and Mrs. Fannie Hudspeth.

Plant photographer Charles A. Clark took the picture of the Temple church extension service personnel, of which Mrs. Stevens is superintendent. The organization operates to extend the educational and benevolent work of the church to those who are sick, handicapped, aged, and people who work at essential jobs on Sunday, or those who otherwise are prevented from entering into the worship and activities of the church.

Some 45 persons are enrolled as students of the extension program at Temple, Mrs. Stevens said.

TEXTILES THROUGH THE AGES

Cotton is the most important vegetable fiber used by man. Its story goes back to prehistoric times in many lands. Somewhere between 23 and 79 A.D. the Roman naturalist Pliny wrote: "In upper Egypt, toward Arabia, there grows a shrub from which the stuffs are made which we call Xylina (cotton fabric)."

Little did Pliny envision that this same Xylina would some day grow into one of the principal money crops of world economy. The simple fiber has multiplied into hundreds of products so diversified in character that cotton touches our lives in countless ways.

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