

Firestone NEWS



Playing 'Safgo' This Year?

You've heard it by now: SAFGO is a game like Bingo. And by this time, employees here are playing it for a repeated lesson in safety. As the months go by, several persons will share in a total of \$600—a payoff for their interest and effort.

This program of fun and profit, available to all Firestone Textiles Gastonia employees except the safety supervisor, offers a \$50 reward in merchandise each month during 1961. The payoff, selected from merchandise of the earner's choice, will be supplied through The Firestone Stores. If there is more than one person eligible for the reward each month, the prize will be divided equally.

Stay Safe To Participate

At the top of the list for eligibility to play Safgo: The participant must work safely on and off the job. If an individual has sustained an injury resulting in more than one day's absence from his work schedule during a given month-long contest, he will be ineligible for the \$50 payoff that month.

And, too, if absent on any regularly scheduled workday, the participant may not play the Safgo number posted for that particular day.

Here are operating principles upon which Safgo is carried on here:

1. There is one contest per month, and each employee receives a Safgo card for that month.
2. On every Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday and Friday a number is taken at random and posted on the Canteen Wagon. Those having that particular number on their cards, cross it out as soon as they see it posted.

3. The first person to finish by crossing out a row of five numbers in any direction, may hand the card to his supervisor, to have it checked. Provided the participant has met all eligibility requirements and rules, he will be declared winner of the money—if he is the first to turn

in a card. If there is a tie, the money will be divided equally.

4. If a card is lost, a replacement cannot be issued that month. You'll have to wait until a new contest begins.

The first contest of the year was scheduled to begin January 9. All essential information on the Safgo project here was made available to all employees by mimeographed bulletins early this month.

Comments safety supervisor Ralph Johnson: "We think you'll have lots of fun with Safgo. It's an interesting and profitable way to keep us safety-minded, while the merchandise payoff will be added incentive to participate."

A REMINDER

Tax Forms: Don't Lose Them

You'll recall that the State of North Carolina received its income tax from your earnings through payroll arrangement during 1960. But you have to file a return just the same, like you have been doing for Federal tax in former years.

Along about now you will be receiving your tax statement forms from Payroll — the Federal (W-2) and the State (NC-2).

Take care of them. Above all, don't lose them. And in preparation for filing your returns, carefully read the information on the back of each form.

—THE MASTER WEAVER

Progress Report Set For February

Employees will read the company's 1960 year-end survey of progress and report to stockholders, in the special annual issue of Firestone plant newspapers in February.

The progress issue is highlighted by the financial report each year by Harvey S. Firestone Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of the organization.

The Gastonia Firestone Textiles edition of the publication is scheduled for mailing to employees around

mid-February. All editions of the progress report issue are produced in Akron, Ohio. At the company's headquarters, members of the public relations staff, with the help of publication editors at the various plants, prepare and edit the report.

Each year the progress issue features significant points of the company's history during the preceding year—growth and expansion, and new developments in the company's efforts to better serve its customers.

It is customary for the Gastonia edition of the progress issue to include a photograph from Firestone Textiles here.

BEGINNING JANUARY 16

'Two Rs' Class Set For TV

Charlotte station WBTV has revamped its "learn-to-read" program so it can be conducted without classes and without local teachers. Beginning January 16, the station will attempt to teach people to read at home.

In two previous years the station organized classes for its non-reader listeners and recruited volunteer teachers to help the students with their TV in-

struction.

One of the many TV classrooms scattered across the Carolinas and other Southern states was at the Firestone Recreation Center. Miss Myrtle Bradley of Main Office was early-morning instructor for the course for both of the two years.

This year, in the absence of enough volunteer teachers, the

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One Suggestion Earns \$200; Another, \$100



Two outstanding suggestions that—in practice—are proving increased efficiency, better economy, improved quality of product, and operating safety, paid a total of \$300 in November.

Electrician Horace Robinson was awarded \$200 for his idea on time-delay relays for twister frames; and turret lathe operator John Fletcher's suggestion on twister rolls and stands was worth \$100.

These ideas represented the largest awards approved by the suggestion board here in recent years.

The electrical improvement on twister frames resulting from Mr. Robinson's idea, enables a faster and safer start-up of the frames following the doffing operation. The time-delay relays greatly reduce danger of switch blow-out and possible burns to employees. The new system also brings longer life to switch mechanism, switch contacts, motors and drive belts.

Mr. Fletcher's suggestion provides for gradual replacement, with his own design of twister rolls operating on sealed ball bearings. These will eventually replace the older-type necks and

stands. The new part eliminates cost of re-necking rolls, promises almost no wear, and will reduce labor and lubrication costs, with less damage to yarn from grease contamination.



REWARD — Plant engineer W. G. Henson smiles approval as he hands over award checks to

Horace Robinson (center) and John Fletcher. Both men are in Mr. Henson's Mechanical department.