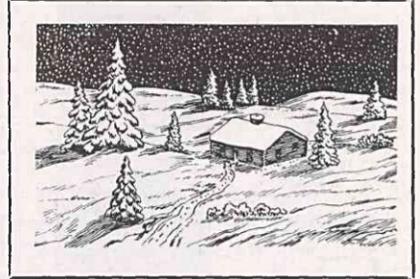
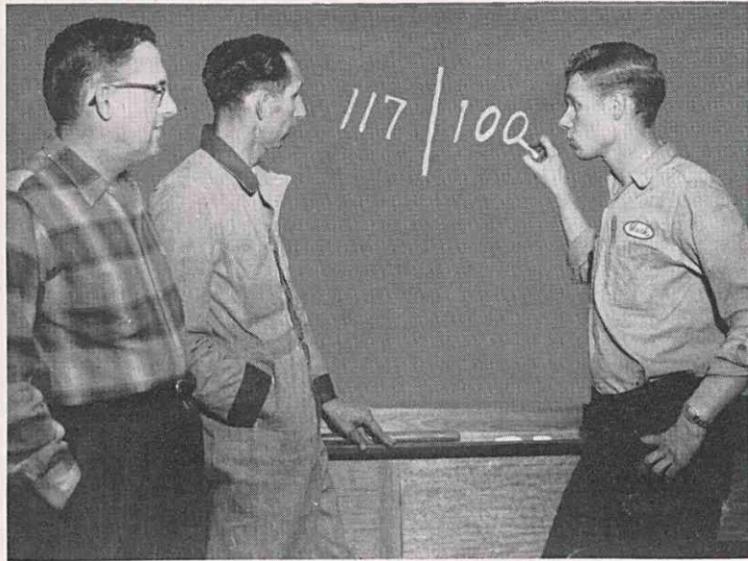


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## Grid Guessers Pocket Cash

Mark up Steven Adams as top-notch prognosticator of football game winners and scores in the nation's major bowl contests this year. The employee in Monofilament Treating picked winning teams in the Sugar, Rose, Cotton, Orange and Gator bowls. And he came within 17 points of predicting the totaled scores, too.

Next best guessing in the Recreation Department's traditional contest was Furman Pearson of the Shop. He picked four winners of the five gridiron contests and missed the totaled scores by four points.

Third place went to Edgar Foy of the Shop, who predicted four victors of the five games and went awry only six points on the actual totaled scores.

## Boy Scout Drive In Late February

The annual Gaston district finance drive for Boy Scouts of America is set for February 20-25 in the communities of Cherryville, Dallas, Hardin, Mount Holly, Lowell, Cramerton, Belmont and McAdenville. Francis B. Galligan, chairman of the BSA Gaston district, said the drive does not include Gastonia and Bessemer City, because in

**GUESSING GOOD** — Steven Adams marks up his prediction of 100 for totaled scores of five major football bowl games, against the actual totaled figure. With him are (from left) Edgar Foy, third-place winner in the contest; and Furman Pearson, second best guesser. Mr. Adams picked victorious teams in all five major bowl contests.

**OTHER** participants in the rivalry who each picked four winners of the five games, and who missed the score-total prediction within a range of 7 to 89 points were: Frederick Anderson, Coy Davis, Lonnie Mitchell, B. T. Hanna, Jarvis Plemmons and Bobby Donaldson, all of Twisting; Vesta Lewis, Spinning; Elm Sartin, Weaving; Bobby Jones and Clyde Foy, Shop; Fred J. Davis, Quality Control; Tommy Grant, Industrial Relations (methods-standards); and R. E. Conrad, Weaving (retired).

these communities the Boy Scout program is a part of the United Fund.

Mr. Galligan, the district chairman, is production manager at Firestone Textiles.

Alvin Riley, assistant industrial relations manager here, and district commissioner of Boy Scouts in the county, heads a commission staff of 14 members for 1961. Commission leaders and their departments:

Carl Rape, organization and extension; George Anderson,

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## 'She Went: Lickety-Split'

The other morning as I was walking up Vance street on the way to the Mill, a woman whizzed by me in an automobile. She was going lickety-split, I'd judge around 50 miles an hour. She had a carload of children, taking them to Abernethy School.

Now, she needn't have been in such a hurry, for she had plenty of time to get to school. What puzzles me is, how anybody would be so thoughtless—with all those youngsters in the car as a reminder of how folks ought to be careful in vehicles, especially around school zones.

There were a lot of school children walking along the street. It was a good thing none of them was in the way, for that woman couldn't have stopped quick enough to keep from hurting someone.

The Master Weaver

## TEN IN \$400 GIVEAWAY

## 'Jackpot' Contest Over; It's Safgo Now

Ten people who work here "hit a streak of luck" when their names came out in a January drawing. Each took home \$40 in merchandise from the Firestone Stores, climaxing a safety-promotion effort here during 1959-60. It was the second of a year-long contest centering in a "jackpot" which grew bigger as the people kept production going without having disabling injuries.

Sharing in the \$400 giveaway in merchandise were: William Cosey, Carding; Charles Carriker, Rosa B. Lane, Ozell

Neely and Cloys E. Stiles of Weaving (synthetics); Odis T. Todd, Emily P. Smith and Everett Watson of Twisting (syn-

thetics); Louella I. Queen, Quality Control; and Hazel E. Owens, Spooling.

At the close of the first year of the "jackpot" contest, a total of \$300 in cash was distributed on a percentile basis to five people whose names were drawn. The second year the prize money was increased to \$400, offered in the form of merchandise.

### This Year It's SAFGO

The "jackpot" safety emphasis the past two years gave way to the 1961 Safgo program, with a game similar to bingo. Under this plan, employees cross out numbers on a card. Completed rows in any direction make the holder a winner, so long as he is first to report his good fortune to his supervisor, thence to the Safety department.

The different contests promoted here from year to year are part of a long-range safety emphasis, carried on in rivalry with the company's other two North American textile plants. They are Firestone Textiles at Bennettsville, S. C.; and Firestone Textiles Ltd., Woodstock, Ontario, Canada. Last year, the South Carolina and Canadian plants tied for the winner plaque.

## Bloodmobile Coming Here This Month

For employees and others of the Firestone community it will be another opportunity to "make a gift of life," when the Red Cross bloodmobile comes on the first of its two annual visits here this month.

The Firestone Recreation  
Schedule Center: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Monday, February 27

Employees and citizens of the plant community last August established an all-time record

with 213 pints of blood, donated to the Carolinas Regional Bloodbank.

Says assistant industrial relations manager Alvin Riley, who is chairman of the bloodmobile programs here:

"The outstanding response of Firestone people along with many others in this area enabled Gaston county to collect more blood last year than its people needed. This made it possible for Gaston to help other counties participating in the regional program.

"In previous years, Gaston had been borrowing from the store of blood in other counties of the region. This year we have a challenge to maintain the good record established in 1960.

"Make it a gift of life."

## Transport-100 In Production

A major departure from the industry's conventional five-rib tread design is represented in a new truck tire, Transport-100, being produced by Firestone.

Featuring a three-rib, bladed tread design, the new tire promises 50 per cent more mileage than older 100-level Firestone original-equipment truck tires, according to sales vice president E. B. Hathaway.

A broad center rib with extra large tread elements arranged in a rope-like twist pattern, and improved rubber compounds that enable tires to run cooler are factors in the Transport-100's promise to outwear the conventional truck tire, Mr. Hathaway points out.

**BUILT-IN** traction slots are another exclusive feature of this all-wheel position truck tire. In the 10.00-20 size, a total of 1008 traction blades in the tire mold give the Transport-100 increased road traction over any other truck tire on the market, according to Mr. Hathaway.

Added features of the tire are a flatter crown for equal pressure throughout the tread print and extra load hauling efficiency, stone guards in the tread to keep it free of damaging gravel and pebbles, and a tread design especially engineered with vary-

ing size tread elements to eliminate tire whine.

In excess of 9500 experimental Transport-100 tires were run 100 million test miles during the four years this tire was under development. Testing was on the

company's tracks at Ft. Stockton, Texas, and on truck fleets in all sections of the country.

The Transport-100 is the product of one of the most extensive research-development periods in the company's 60-year history.



**SKID TEST**—Firestone Test Center engineer checks pressure in the Transport-100 truck tire before a skid test at the company's test track at Ft. Stockton, Texas. R. H. Brown (right), American Trucking Association's Driver of the Year, won the ATA award for driving nearly a million miles without a chargeable accident, and for saving a six-year-old boy from drowning in a water-filled pit beside a Texas highway.