

Service Roster

Heading the list of long-service people at Gastonia for April were Lewis R. Connor and Cole L. Whitaker, each with 25 years of employment completed. Their pictures are with this article.

Next came eight others with 20 years' service: David Adams, Carding; R. M. Fullbright, Spooling; William G. Hall, Twisting (synthetics); Annie W. Bradshaw, Weaving (synthetics); Wilbert B. Tate, Weaving (cotton); Alva L. McCarter, Shop; Carl B. Guffey and Thurman Clark, both Quality Control. Others on the April roster:



Lewis R. Connor Spinning Cole L. Whitaker Cloth Room

Fifteen Years

C. A. Faulkner and Jennie D. Bradley, Twisting (synthetics); Frank Allison Jr., Shop; Jennie L. B. Hall, Quality Control.

Ten Years

Vera Lee Carswell, Stella C. Anderson and Nervie B. Barbee, all Twisting (synthetics); John W. Hendricks, Warehouse.

Five Years

Bobby L. Jones, Shop.

Firestone Scholar On Dean's List

Betty Ann McAbee was one of 11 in the freshman class named to the dean's list for the first semester this year at Erskine College, Due West, S. C. She is the daughter of L. B. McAbee (assistant division manager of cotton at Firestone) and Mrs. McAbee.

The student is completing her first year in the elementary education curriculum, a t e n d i n g

Erskine on a Firestone four-year scholarship.

A member of the South Carolina Student Education Association, Betty has been elected this organization's secretary of the Erskine chapter for the coming year.

She was recently elected sophomore class representative to the Women's Council, a branch of Women's Student Government at Erskine.

Off-Job Safety

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needs and equipment and start assembling them as you go along. Put them all in good repair for safety.

9. Remember emergencies will call for a first aid kit, a flashlight with fresh batteries, a tool kit, extra keys and proper identification.

8. Have car completely checked for safe operation. Pay special care to tires, including the spare, the brakes, lights and windshield wipers.

7. Arrange quiet games or other interesting activities for the children to play in the car. A long trip is not much fun for restless youngsters who often distract the driver.

6. Load equipment and supplies carefully, so items to be used most frequently are easy to reach.

5. If some pieces of travel gear won't fit into the trunk, pack them so they won't obstruct the driver's vision.

4. Notify police and a trusted neighbor that you will be away, and ask them to check your

premises frequently. Notify the mailman, milkman and paper delivery boy that you will be gone—and for how long.

3. Allow plenty of time to cover the actual miles you hope to travel. Schedule frequent rest stops and allow time to enjoy the scenery, take pictures and visit with people along the way.

2. Plan to stop nights and keep your sleep schedule. Being tired hinders good driving and robs everyone of traveling enjoyment. Motels and other accommodations begin to fill early in the evening, so stop early.

1. Make a last-minute check at home, like lights and appliances that might be unsafe while you're gone. Lock windows and doors, climb into the car—and all take a ride!

0. Happy traveling!

To Eagle Scout

April was an eventful month for Robert B. Hull Jr., son of Robert B. Hull (Quality Control and laboratory manager at Firestone), and Mrs. Hull of 1609 Fairfield drive, Gastonia.

The youth became Gaston county's newest Eagle Scout and a day or so later, received one of the four first-place prizes at the Gaston County Science Fair. His entry was an elaborate display of radio equipment. More than 300 students took part in showing 250 exhibits at Wray Junior High School gymnasium.

Robert's promotion to Scouting's highest rank came when Tommy Rankin, district Scout executive, presented the eagle symbol at the April court of honor in the county courthouse. Robert is a member of Gastonia Troop 4. A student at Grier Junior High School, he has been in Scouting for three years.

Piano Pupils In Recital

Piano pupils of Mrs. Ray England presented a recital at Firestone Recreation Center recently. Mrs. England's husband works in the Shop.

Most of the young people taking part in the recital are from Firestone families. They were: Anita Andrews, Debra Whitesides, Susan Harris, Janet Andrews, Cathy Whitesides, Jackie Owens, Donna McClure, Lorice Jacobs, Patsy Martin, Linda Beddingfield, Jan Hall, Nancy Wallace, Kay England, Donna Derbyberry, Rita Ledford, Susan Hollifield and Sam Loudermilk.

For Something New—Try Camping

Howard Moore of the Shop was trying to decide what kind of vacation to take this summer. "Why not plan a camping trip?" ventured J. C. Crisp of Twisting (synthetics). "My family and I have been making tent living a part of our vacation for years."

If you take J. C. Crisp's advice—as did Howard Moore—you'll join a growing clan of some 30 million Americans who can be expected to take to the road and the woods on some kind of camping trip this year.

No matter where you live, it is possible to find beautiful camping areas within easy driving distance. National or state parks and forests with camping facilities are located in every section of the country, and in many areas local and private campgrounds are growing in number.

Another reason for the boom in out-of-doors vacations: An entire family can enjoy a vacation and still range far afield, at just a little more than it would cost to stay at home.

It Works Some Magic

With the many new comforts and luxuries developed by camping equipment makers, camping has become a family affair. And the chief value of a camping vacation is that it seems to work magic on family ties—through visiting new and exciting places off the "beaten path", sharing new experiences, and having fun together.

A week or two in the healthful outdoors can mean relaxed and easy living.

Decided you'll take a camping vacation? Next, locate a place to go. Destination will largely determine what equipment and supplies you take along.

Many road maps indicate locations of camping facilities. Full listings may be had by writing the department of parks, conservation, or forestry in the capitals of states you plan to visit. For information on national camping areas, write to National Parks, Department of Interior; or National Forests, Department of Agriculture—Forest Service both, Washington, D. C.

A newcomer to tent living? You may want to read articles or books on camping. Your public library and most book stores are good places to look. You will find listings of camping facilities in this country and in Canada, locations, and where to write for information.

Some Things You'll Need

You can head for the open road with just about all the comforts of home—thanks to the improved camping equipment on the market today.

A list of basic articles needed for an extended camping trip:

Tent, sleeping bags, camp stove, portable icebox, lantern, flashlight with a supply of fresh batteries, cooking equipment and eating utensils, food, water jug, axe, approved gasoline can, and a well-stocked first aid kit. While there is almost no end to gadgets you can take along, it's best to keep equipment portable and simple.

Most important article is the tent, your biggest item of comfort and protection from the elements. Buy one with enough head room for the tallest member of the family and with enough floor space to accommodate the group. An umbrella-style tent 9 x 11 feet will sleep four persons. Consider such additional features as windows and sewn-in floor for protection against moisture and insects.

Ocean Blue To Aquamarine

Most tents are made of cotton canvas, a rugged, long-wearing fabric. Its porous weave permits air to pass freely through the fabric, eliminating danger of moisture accumulation on the inside.

Canvas tents are made of a heavy construction called duck, or of lightweight drills and poplins, all easily and quickly set up. Some colorful models pop up almost as easily as an umbrella, others attach to your car top, blossom over the end of a station wagon, or rise magically without the aid of tent poles. In one type, air-filled struts take the place of poles.

Tent colors range from ocean blue and aquamarine to pink and yellow.

Big changes in equipment are not limited to tents. Equipment includes multi-story sleeping bags, so the user can choose the layer needed for the temperature; fancy stoves and cooking utensils; and such articles as canvas air mattresses, air pillows, cots, portable showers, and panels for privacy and protection from wind and sun.

With so many new products and equipment to make camping easier and more exciting, you'll find this kind of vacation hard to beat.

This Is Bike Month

May is American Bike Month, promoted in the interest of the 55 million cyclists and 27 million bike owners in this country.

During the month, civic and fraternal groups, schools, youth organizations and youth-oriented groups are sponsoring local-level programs such as rodeos, parades and safety programs.

RECREATION NOTES ON TRAVEL

May: For A Good Time On-The-Go

A warm-weather call to seashore areas of the Carolinas, spring wildflowers in all their glory, festivals, sports-recreation "specials", and historic shrines. Add them up and you've just begun the list of entries on the travel calendar for May.

Travel information service of plant recreation would remind you that this is one of the finest months for vacation and leisure travel in the Carolinas and neighboring states.

In this state alone, all recreation areas and scenic attractions are in business for the season. Outstanding of these are the Blue Ridge Parkway recreational areas and special attractions open from May 1 through October. In the state they include Parkway Craft Center in Moses Cone Memorial Park, Blowing Rock; Museum of North Carolina Minerals at Gillespie Gap near Spruce Pine; Doughton Park near Laurel Springs; campgrounds at Doughton, Crabtree Meadows and Julian Price Park, and scenic wonders like Linville Falls. All sections of the motor road are open for the season.

You Get A Line; I'll Get A Pole

The Gulf Stream, ocean surf, lakes and mountain trout streams are in season for good fishing. Ocean piers are operating and the sports fishing craft based at Oregon Inlet, Hatteras, Morehead City, Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beaches, Southport and other points along the coast serve deep-sea anglers. Mountain trout season began in April, with some streams in the Smokies scheduled to open in mid-May. An illustrated guide, "Let's Go Fishing and Hunting in North Carolina", is free on request to the State Adver-

tising Division, Raleigh.

All across both Carolinas there are many historic attractions — several of them of special interest in this Civil War Centennial Year. In North Carolina, significant Civil War sites like Fort Macon near Morehead City and Fort Fisher near Wilmington are treasuries of history.

Typical of other attractions thriving on the past are the Museum of the Cherokee Indians and the Indian Village on the reservation at Cherokee. The Museum is open year-round; and the Village opens its season this month.

"Dixieland" Open As Literary Shrine

In Asheville, author Thomas Wolfe's boyhood home "Dixieland" is maintained as a literary shrine. Thomas Wolfe Memorial, open to visitors from May 2 through early autumn, is furnished as it was when the novelist's mother operated it as a boarding house called "Old Kentucky Home".

Outstanding of play events in the state are the Square Dance Fun Festival at Fontana, May 24-28; and Magnolia Festival at Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, May 7-13.

On the long list of events in May, these are samples for the sports-and-outdoors-minded: National "600" stock car race, Charlotte, May 27; Great Smokies Trail Rides, sponsored by American Forestry Association and beginning at Waynesville, May 31-June 10. Others—in June—but belonging to the list: "Worlds That Have Vanished," Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill, June 1-August 31; Sun-Fun Frolic, Myrtle Beach, June 7-11.

