

Firestone NEWS

I envy not him that eats better than I do, nor him that is richer, nor him that wears better clothes than I do. I envy him—and him only—that catches more fish than I do.

Izaak Walton



MOUNTAIN MAJESTY

Acres of sky . . . limitless expanses of blue ranges . . . the majesty of green forest . . . beauty you'll never forget. All this—and much more—awaits you in a five-state

mountain empire of the Appalachian South. Making Camp Firestone on Lake James near Marion your place of departure, you can treat yourself to recreation fun and sightseeing like this at Linville Bluffs on Grandfather Mountain.

Company Included In Booklet

A promotional booklet published recently by Duke Power Company numbers the Firestone company among leading manufacturers contributing to progress and prosperity in the Piedmont Carolinas.

The 32-page, color piece, "Piedmont Carolinas: Where Wealth Awaits You," describes the progress, resources, the peo-

ple and their way of life, and new opportunities in the Duke Power service area.

"Where Wealth Awaits You" was the promise to industry which Duke Power made more than 30 years ago, according to the introduction.

"Diversified natural resources,

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Relax—But With Safety In Your Plans

With the summer weather here, I know you are looking forward to some well-earned leisure off the job—at home and along our roads and highways. It's a good guess you're thinking pleasantly of favorite places to relax and enjoy recreation; that you're making plans to explore exciting new areas across town or across the country.

Whatever your plans, make safety a part of them. Each year more people are killed and injured on the highways and at home than in all of industry. If you are traveling, plan ahead to allow yourself sufficient time so you will not have to speed or overtire yourself in reaching your destination.

If you are spending time catching up on

jobs around the house, be sure your equipment is in safe-working condition and that dangerous tools are kept out of children's hands.

Relax, but don't let a careless moment turn your leisure time into tragedy. I sincerely hope your summer will be happy and safe, for you and your family.

J. E. Miner
Executive Vice President

Certificates To Supervisors

General manager Harold Mercer in June presented certificates to three plant supervisors upon their completion of courses in the spring term of night school sponsored by the Gaston County Industrial Management Club.

The Firestone men were among the group of 50 from local industries and business firms completing courses in six fields of study.

Those from here and the courses for which they received certificates were: Homer Hall, cost control; Ray Thomas, creative thinking; and J. M. Cooper, labor law.

264 Vehicles Needed Fixing

Of the 801 vehicles processed in the Firestone auto-safety-check program this year at Gastonia, 264 were rejected on at least one of the standard 10 points of inspection. It was the fourth year the plant here and the Firestone company at large had operated the safety program for employees and other citizens of plant communities in the United States, in areas that do not have laws providing for motor-vehicle inspection.

From among the 264 vehicles (both cars and trucks) turned down for unsafe mechanical condition, 194 of them were corrected, then returned to the lanes for final approval.

Leading the list of defects were rear lights, with 147 marked up as out-of-order. Next came tires, with 79; Other defective parts in the 10-point check included: Front lights, 51; brakes and exhaust, 11 each; horn and windshield wiper, 2 each; glass 1.

Of the remaining 2 of 10 separate check-points, there were no defects for rear-view mirror and steering mechanism.

He Won A Medal The Hard Way

AT BELMONT
TEXTILE SCHOOL

When Clarence W. Donaldson Jr. received the Textile Veterans Association Award at the North Carolina Vocational Textile School, he became the second Firestone employee to earn the distinguished prize. Fred W. Davis of the Cotton Division won it in 1960.

Symbol of recognition for the outstanding graduate at the Belmont school is a three-inch bronze medallion. Donaldson was named this year's winner at commencement exercises June 14, when 107 received diplomas.

The Firestone section manager in Twisting (synthetics) attended the school 10 months out of each of the past five years, and four additional months. Beginning as a doffer here five years ago, he was promoted to his present job in 1958.

Donaldson, who left high school after the 10th grade, served four years in the Air Force before coming to work at Firestone. He enrolled at the textile school in 1955 and completed his work last February. Commuting from home in Gastonia to school on weekdays, he spent some 4½ hours in class and laboratory in afternoon and evening sessions. During that time he was keeping up with his regular shift at the mill.

He finished four courses with a grade average of better than B-plus (high 80s).

His diploma in mill maintenance received at commencement in June was the fourth one he had earned. He had already received two in yarn manufacturing, and one in weaving and designing.

Besides his busy schedule as a student and an employee here, Donaldson and his wife have made room for some volunteer service to their church, South Marietta Street Baptist.

NC Vocational Textile School is among 14 schools and colleges throughout the country that present the awards from the Textile Veterans Association of New York City. In addition to his record of academic excellence, Donaldson was

chosen the outstanding graduate on the number of subjects completed (total of four), and the time spent in attendance at the school.

The Textile Veterans Association is a trade organization of Americans who are veterans of service to our country and are engaged in the textile and affiliated industries. Its goal is to promote the interests and welfare of the industry, the community, its membership and brothers-in-arms in veterans hospitals.

Among its many activities, the TVA sponsors an annual achievement-awards dinner at which are presented "Oscars" of the textile industry.



Photo: John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company

They Signed— In An Act Of Heroism

July 4 this year marks the 185th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia. America's independence was actually decided on July 2, 1776 by a vote from the Colonies. The Declaration

was adopted two days later, but no one signed it until the first signatures were affixed on August 2. Names were still being added as late as 1781.

When John Hancock put his bold and famous signature to the document, there was a 500-pound reward on his head! His fellow patriots performed equal acts of heroism by adding their names to America's treasured "Birth Certificate of Freedom."



AT HOME on East Eighth avenue, Clarence Donaldson Jr., his wife, and their daughter, Judy Kay show the Textile Veterans Association medallion presented him for his outstanding student record. Both Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson work in Twisting (synthetics).