#### One Of World's Largest ...

### **Firestone Tires Help** In West Pakistan **Dam Construction**

Firestone tires are playing a leading part in construction of one of the world's largest earthfilled dams. The company is tire supplier for the Guy F. Atkinson combine for the \$354-million Mangla Dam project on the Jhelum River in West Pakistan.

It is the largest single construction

job ever serviced in the company's 62year history. A combine of eight American contractors headed by Atkinson company is working on the Indus River development project, the first part of which will cost \$11/4 billion.

Completed, the Indus Basin project will include three large dams, two reservoirs and extensive canals with a total size of more than seven times that of the St. Lawrence Seaway development.

The contract awarded to the Atkinson combine is reportedly the largest single non-defense contract in history. Initially, Firestone is supplying a

majority of the original heavy-duty

earthmoving tires on equipment and many of the rims for the more than 200 pieces of machinery used in the first stages of construction at the Mangla site.

INCLUDED are tires for graders, scrapers, bottom dump wagons and a variety of trucks and other vehicles. Throughout construction, Firestone will supply new replacement and retreaded tires for the Mangla project. Tires will range in size from those for passenger automobiles to the giant dual 18.00-49 Rock Grip Excavator, more than seven feet high.

The Indus Basin project will provide substantial irrigation development in both Pakistan and India, in addition to developing a further hydro-electric potential. It will also promote soil reclamation and drainage for Pakistan as well as flood control in both countries.

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The Mangla Dam will reach 370 feet at its highest point and will extend nearly two miles across the river bed. Almost 150 million cubic yards of excavation and fill will be required to build it.

At first, hydro-electric capacity will be 340,000 kilowatts with an ultimate capacity of a million kws. The reservoir created will cover about 100 square miles, submerging some 64,000 acres of land.

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IN CONGRESS JULY 4. 1776 The manimous Declaration of Mmerica

This interpretive art composition by Mrs. W. R. Turner Sr. speaks of the American heritage of freedom and independence. Mrs. Turner is radio chairman of Variety Garden Club of Firestone and a member of the Charlotte Garden Club. An amateur ac-credited national flower show judge, she is a member of Ikebana International Japanese flower society, and the North Carolina and Piedmont Flower Judge groups.

## With These Voices America Speaks

### Dr. S. H. Adams **Heads GCHA**

Dr. Simeon Huey Adams is the new president of Gaston County Heart Association. The 34-year-old surgeon and Firestone Textiles physician was elected at the Association's annual dinner

meeting recently. He succeeded E. F. Gallagher, Gastonia Bible publisher, as head of the Association. Upon taking office, Dr. Adams pledged an active leadership in the year ahead, recognizing others of the new officer slate assigned to help him.

President-elect Larry Petty of Petty Machine Co., will succeed Dr. Adams in 1963-64. Gallagher, immediate past president, is serving as second vice president. Recording secretary is Mrs. W. A. Lindeke of Bessemer City. Duke England, Gaston County manager, is treasurer.

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# **Kings Begin** Argentine Assignment

The Ralph King family arrived at Llallavoll in early July, to begin a three-year assignment with Firestone's Argentine textile plant. They left Gastonia June 27 for New York, and traveled from there by air. Their household goods had been sent on ahead by boat.

Net Sales Set Record

Net sales for the first half of the fiscal year ending April 30 were the highest ever attained for a first six-months period. Despite the large sales increase, profits-out of which operating expenses are obtained-showed only a small increase for the first half of 1962.

Chairman Harvey S. Firestone Jr. and president Raymond C. Firestone reported sales of \$605,-280,472 which compared with \$544,872,290 for the first six

#### **Summer Session At Textile School**

A new term at North Carolina Vocational Textile School began July 2, with morning, afternoon and evening classes being offered in five subjects five days a week.

Courses are in yarn manufacturing, mill maintenance (machine shop), weaving and designing, knitting, and tailoring. months of 1961. The previous high in net sales for a sixmonths period was \$581,129,397 in 1960.

Earnings for the first half of 1962 were \$29,744,159 compared with \$28,142,824 in the first half of last year.

Sales for the second quarter were \$318,770,914 and earnings totaled \$15,209,747. This marked a new high for sales for a second quarter, the previous high being \$307,207,875 in the second quarter of 1960.

Citing this record, president Firestone said, "Teamwork and cooperation on the part of Firestone employees have been a major factor in this great achievement."



Calvin Coolidge, 30th President of the United States, was born on Independence Day, 1872. This excerpt from his first annual message, December 6, 1923, expresses America's unchanging purpose. It is especially appropriate on the 186th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

The world has had enough of the curse of hatred and selfishness, of destruction and war. It has had enough of the the wrongful use of material power. For the healing of the nations there must be good will and charity, confidence and peace.

The time has come for a more practical use of moral power, and more reliance upon the principle that right makes its own might. Our authority among the nations must be represented by justice and mercy.

It is necessary not only to have faith but to make sacri $f_{ices}$  for our faith. The spiritual forces of the world make all  $f_{ices}$  for our faith. its final determinations. It is with these voices that America should speak. Whenever they declare a righteous purpose, there need be no doubt that they will be heard.

America has taken her place in the world as a republic free, independent, powerful. The best service that can be rendered to humanity is the assurance that this place will be maintained.

Mr. King is assistant manager at the Argentine plant, replacing Thomas Yelton who moved to a new assignment at the company's Sao Paulo, Brazil textile factory. Mr. Yelton went to South America from Gastonia two years ago.

Mr. King joined Firestone here eight months ago, to prepare for the South American assignment. A graduate of Clemson College with the BS degree in textile manufacturing, he had 10 years' experience with two of South Carolina's large textile companies before coming here.

Both Mr. and Mrs. King are from Abbeville, S. C.

The two oldest children will

The Ralph Kings, with Barry (on father's lap), Treshia and Ralph Jr. Several weeks before leaving for South America, the family obtained a learn-a-language course in Spanish through a Charlotte newspaper promotion. The recordings and instruction manuals supplied a good introduction to the language the Kings will be learning first-hand in Argentina.

attend a private school in Argentina, studying in English. But they hope to learn the Spanish language "sort of automatically." "Our assignment will be an

us," said Mr. King. "There will be many interesting things to see and do, and we have promised friends in the United States to give them reports on several educational experience for all of facets of Argentine life."