

## Warp and Filling

# Of The Passing Scene

## It's The World's Most Popular Hobby

If you're average, you "collected" approximately 200 stamps last year on 193 letters and six parcels; in the same year, the Post Office sold \$1.2 billion-worth of stamps.

The first U.S. postage stamps weren't issued until 1847. In England, where the postage stamp was invented, some people feared it would encourage treason!

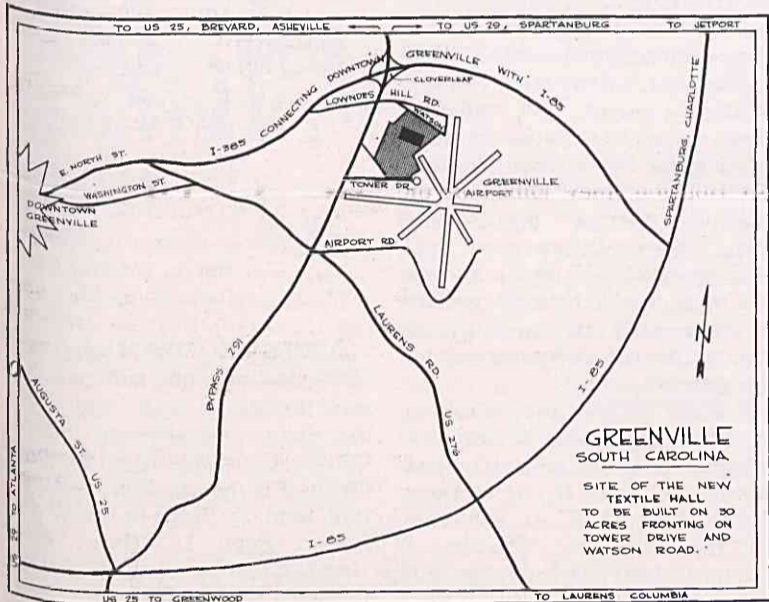
Stamp collecting has long been the world's most popular hobby. Flowers are the best-loved stamp motif. You can buy 25 of the world's prettiest flower stamps for a dime. On the other hand, philatelists have offered \$45,000 for a single stamp.

The world's biggest stamp was almost 10 x 4 inches. The highest denomination ever issued was a \$280 stamp.

## Texans Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kelley and nine-year-old daughter Patty visited two weeks in July with Mrs. Kelley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Helms of Gastonia.

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The textile industry continues as North Carolina's leading economic asset. There are more than 223,000 employees — over 40 per cent of the state's manufacturing employment — in 1,000 textile plants.



## New Building For Textile Exposition Will Be Ready For 1964 Trade Show

Southern Textile Exposition at Greenville, S. C., will have a new home when the big trade show is held in October of 1964. A modern exposition building, with 150,000 square feet of show-off space, is to be constructed on a 30-acre site adjoining Greenville's Municipal Airport.

The Textile Hall Corporation, a non-profit organization, produces the big textile trade show every two years.

## Medical Director On NCHA Board

Dr. Simeon H. Adams, Gastonia surgeon and Firestone Textiles medical director, has been elected to the board of directors of the North Carolina Heart Association.

Dr. Adams is president of the Gaston County Heart Association, having assumed this position in June.

Mrs. Kelley's mother works in Spinning here. The daughter worked at Firestone, before she moved to Texas 10 years ago.

The Kelleys live at Angleton in the Houston vicinity where they are in business selling gas and oil, and auto services and accessories.

On the trip to Gastonia the Kelleys made sightseeing tours through portions of Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. On the homeward way, they went through the North Carolina and Tennessee mountains.

## Time-Worn Dolls... Tools & Progress

Uncle Charles in Santa Fe sent the smiling doll with built-in crybox to his little niece in North Carolina. That was almost 40 years ago. And long since, Ada has earned her place in the attic, along with all the other things of cloistered memory that served well "in their day".

The nostalgia associated with a little girl and a time-worn dolly sets us to thinking of the weeks, months and years—of how they play their role in a world of change.

For example, there are machines and equipment that enable people to manufacture things—like textiles and tires. Those tools wear out, too. Replacements pave the way for progress, but in the world of making things for people to use, that progress comes with a costly pricetag.

Herein is a lesson for all of us who work with the tools of industry: Make good use of them while they last, take care of them along the course of Time.

Men, Machines and Money. Operating efficiently and effectively, they are the essential ingredients of Progress—and a better life for us all.



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## Suggestion Awards To 17 In Recent Period

Jesse F. Liles of Weaving (synthetics) was awarded \$25 for his suggestion to add specification shuttles on cord looms. Later, he earned an additional \$10 for a suggestion to install clamps on the levers of shrinker rolls.

He was among 17 persons who earned cash awards for workable ideas during a five-month period since March. Suggestions

involved promotion of safety, production efficiency, cost control, worker convenience, and quality.

Those having approved suggestions during this period, their department, and their usable ideas:

E. F. Sartin, Weaving (synthetics)—installation of workers' platform for cloth balers; J. Hoyt Blackwood, Weaving (synthetics)—providing barrels of black dip for all shifts; Larry Sanders, Cloth Room—brake improvement on inspection tables.

Frank Wilson, Industrial Relations—adding truck back-stops at loading dock; Charles V. Cates, Weaving (synthetics)—number identification of looms and fabric styles; Millard F. Goins, Weaving (synthetics)—improvement of eyeboard clamps for changing loom styles; Roy J.

Ward, Weaving (cotton)—use of picker-stick guides with aprons; Hansford Wilkes, Weaving (cotton)—additional lighting at looms.

Luell Thomas, Carding—relocation of picker pedals; T. E. Huffstetler, Shop—better control box on slasher; Earl Cunningham, Supply—electrodes storage in supply room; Novella C. James, Payroll—adding operation numbers to Shop-employee cards; Edgar S. Foy, Shop—installing guard on boiler-room pump.

Alda Guffey, Weaving (synthetics)—modifying loading-lift plates on automatic splicers; Doris J. Corella, Payroll—training courses to improve communications between plant and Payroll department; Grace Christopher, Quality Control—revision of inspection cards.

## Firestone Nylon 6 Goes To Japan

A technical-help agreement for making Nylon 6 tire cord is in effect with Firestone and Asahi Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., of Osaka, Japan.

The agreement gives the Japanese concern exclusive license to manufacture Nylon 6 tire cord, a Firestone development now being produced at its Hopewell, Va., plant.

Firestone has used Nylon 6 tire cord in more than 10 million passenger and truck tires in the past five years. Company engineers have found the cord meets the new higher standards of heat stability in tire cord, superior adhesion to rubber and flex-fatigue resistance.

Asahi executives have visited Firestone in Akron and two Japanese technicians have come to study operations at the Hopewell plant. Firestone will send technicians to Japan to help with beginning operations in the plant there.

Asahi is a pioneer in the Japanese chemical industry, in business since 1923.

## Four Join 20-Year Group

In June, the last person to mark a 25-year work anniversary here brought the total number in that group to 218. But in July, four persons celebrated the completion of 20 years of service, bringing the total to 446. They are Mervin F. Huffman, Spinning; Irene Phillips, Weaving (cotton); Sam Jordan, Shop; and Frank L. Gurley, third-shift production superintendent.

While these were marking employment anniversaries in July, 11 others reached records of 15, 10 and 5 years. This list includes:

At the end of March of 1962, there were 883,000 persons earning their livelihood as employees of the textile-products industry of the United States. In the closely-allied apparel industry, there are slightly more than a million employees.

### Fifteen Years

Edna C. Bishop, O'Dell Human, William L. McCarter and Brady L. Whitesides, all of Twisting (synthetics); Virginia M. Bridges, Weaving (cotton); John Fletcher, Shop; E. T. Green Sr., Industrial Relations (plant protection).

### Ten Years

Ethelene J. Nichols, Cloth Room; Thomas A. Taylor, Weaving (cotton).

### Five Years

Alexander J. Neal, Twisting (synthetics); George F. Hill, Weaving (cotton).

Following the traditional custom, the 20-year people received a service pin and gold watch. Those with 15, 10 and 5-year records were presented the appropriate lapel service pin.

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A complete file of Firestone News, Gastonia, has been entered in the University of North Carolina Library at Chapel Hill. Copies of the employee publication dating from May 5, 1952 to the present have become a part of the library's North Carolina Collection.

Subsequent issues will be added to the permanent collection which represents the first ten years of the Gastonia plant newspaper.