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## NC's New Classic State House

Like the historic Capitol Building, the elaborate new State House at Raleigh is open daily to the public. The design



North Carolina's new State House is the first building ever constructed by a state for exclusive use of its Legislature. The new structure, located a block north of the historic Capitol in Raleigh, cost almost six million dollars, and is expected to become the center of the state's expanding government-building group.

The massive old State Capitol, completed in 1840, continues to house the Governor's Office and other offices of the executive branch of state government.

**GRACEFUL**, contemporary lines of the new building are enhanced by elaborate landscaping which does not stop at ground level but extends upward to terraces planted in evergreens and flowering shrubs.

This enhances the square granite podium which forms the first floor of the building, and the promenade surrounding the top floor. Indoors, fountains and planters are extensively used. Much of the building is glass. The outside planting features dogwood—the State flower—and other native trees and shrubs.

A grand staircase leads to the rotunda on the third floor, where visitors look down on both House and Senate chambers, enter the auditorium, and stroll out to the promenade.

From the promenade there are views of other governmental buildings, churches and old homes in the city.

**CHIEF** purpose of the building is to serve as a center for lawmaking. It is designed for convenience and efficiency, making best possible use of space. Furnishings—virtually all of them manufactured in North Carolina—are simple, contemporary design with plain upholstery and durable finish.

Already, North Carolinians point with pride to their new State House as they do the old Capitol and other significant buildings in the Raleigh area.

The building was designed by Edward Durrell Stone. He was architect for the American Embassy building in New Delhi, and many prominent new buildings in this country. Mr. Stone has designed the proposed National Cultural Center in Washington, D. C.

and landscaping blend with the classic architecture of existing buildings and contemporary lines of those of the future. At main entrance is a State Seal 28 feet in diameter and built of terrazzo in colors with bronze divider strips. The profile of "Liberty" in the seal is recognizable as that of Queen Elizabeth II of England.

**LANDMARK:** The Firestone company's main factory and offices, with famed clock tower at 1200 Firestone Parkway, Akron 17, Ohio.

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## 12,000 Products For Auto, Home, Farm And Industry

Firestone people manufacture more than 12,000 quality products in diversified fields of industry, including natural and synthetic rubber, metals, plastics, textiles and chemicals. The company, founded by Harvey S. Firestone in 1900, currently employs some 43,000 in the United States; 84,000 worldwide.

These are among the latest "Facts About Firestone", presented in a folder issued by the department of public relations of the company at its Akron, Ohio, headquarters.

According to the latest count, the company operates 42 processing and manufacturing plants in the United States and 38 similar installations in other countries.

Firestone has 5 rubber purchasing-preparation plants in foreign countries; also 4 rubber plantations and 1 experimental plantation.

In the United States it has 2 tire-proving grounds, 7 research laboratories and operates 1 arsenal plant for the U. S. Government.

The company and its 10 divisions turn out products for auto, home, farm and industry. There are more than 150,000 Firestone Stores and other retail dealers throughout the world.

**Tires And Tubes:** 1800 sizes and types of tires for domestic and foreign cars, trucks, trailers, buses, farm equipment, wagons, earth-moving machines, industrial trucks and all other types of wheeled vehicles.

**Rubber:** Natural rubber, latices and compounds; synthetic rubber, latices and compounds; reclaim; cushioning; surfacing materials; adhesives; sealants; defense items; automotive parts; and a variety of molded and extruded rubber goods for home and industry.

**Metal Products:** Rims, wheels for trucks, buses, tractors and other large vehicles; stainless steel containers; anodized aluminum parts; stampings for automotive and appliance industries; boat trailers; farm wagons; shells, missile components

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## Record Sales, Earnings For First Quarter

The Firestone company in March announced record sales and earnings for the first quarter of the fiscal year which ended Jan. 31.

Company chairman Harvey S. Firestone Jr. and president Raymond C. Firestone reported sales of \$304,156,823, compared with \$236,509,558 during the first quarter of last year—an increase of 6.2 per cent. Earnings for the period were \$14,559,630 compared to \$14,534,412 in 1962.

**FIRST-QUARTER** earnings amounted to \$.52 per share of common stock both this year and last year. Provision of \$14,500,000 has been made for domestic and foreign taxes on income, compared with \$14,600,000 last year.

The company chairman expressed confidence that the company will establish another sales record this year, and that profits will improve. He said new products and developments, coupled with an expected increase in the gross national product, should result in record industry ship-

ments of passenger-car, truck and tractor tires this year. He added:

"We are preparing for this promising future with new tire plants at Salinas, Calif., and Decatur, Ill., and with expansion of other facilities."

## Richard Tucker On Plant Visit

Richard Tucker, Metropolitan Opera's foremost performer, had an inside look at the Gastonia Firestone plant in late March, while here to present a concert at Ashley Auditorium.

The great singer, likened to Caruso by many critics, for years has been an artist on the "Voice of Firestone" program. He is known as "the greatest tenor in the world", and called

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## Awards For Safety Records

Safe work at production here has won two more awards in recognition of employees' long records of injury-free man-hours during 1962.

The National Safety Council's Award of Merit was sent to plant safety manager Raymond Mack, along with a presentation letter from NSC president Howard Pyle. The honor calls attention to 1,267,844 production hours without an injury resulting in lost time, in the period July 1-December 31, 1962.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company's Award of Merit was presented to the plant here recently, marking an "outstanding injury-prevention record" compiled July 1-November 30 of last year. During that period safety-conscious people here worked 1,061,799 hours without a disabling injury.

and launchers; and other metal products for a wide range of uses.

**Plastics:** Resins, film, sheeting, and filaments for thousands of home, transportation and industrial uses.

**Textiles:** Nylon and rayon tire cord fabric; nylon monofilament and cotton chafar fabric; heavy and fine denier nylon for industrial and commercial products; lofted nylon filaments for carpeting; polypropylene filaments; natural and synthetic rubber elastic threads and yarns; spandex multifilament yarns.

**Chemicals:** Butadiene; styrene; polypropylene; nylon resin; rubber-processing chemicals; latices for paints and varnishes; resins for a variety of extruded and molded products.