



RETIRED MEN

They Enjoy Harvest Years

"You've laid by one crop and have had the foresight to plant another one," said Gastonia Mayor Vic Phillips at a December meeting of the Retired Men's Club of Firestone.

The mayor, guest speaker at the dinner meeting in the Recreation Center, was referring to the Senior Folks who have closed the book on the years of production work in the mill and are now busy at church and community projects.

Several guests at the meeting were wives of club members—some of the wives themselves Firestone retirees.

Mr. Phillips commended the

Senior Citizens for their active life in the community and cited some of the many areas of opportunity for those "who no longer must obey the alarm clock, to make that shift in the mill."

"THE WORD 'retirement' is better thought of as that period of years when life takes on richer meaning, as one reaps rewards of the past and continues a life of planned leisure and service to others," he said.

The Retired Men's Club, organized two years ago, promotes fellowship, recreation, optimism and constructive projects. The group meets one afternoon each

GIFT FOR THE MAYOR—Retiree John P. Smith (left) presented a gift to Mayor Vic Phillips, after club members had received a present. Back row, from left: John Davis, Dallas Smith, J. B. Beaver, Bassie Rogers, T. G. Stacy, Mack Dawkins, S. L. Owens, Fred Tate and N. L. Harris.

month at the Recreation Center. Soon after organizing, the club went on a fishing trip to the Carolina coast. More such group outings are planned for coming summers. To finance this and other projects, members have an occasional fish fry sale at the plant playground.

Club officers are Ed Hughes, president; John P. Smith, vice president; N. L. Harris, secretary; and T. G. Stacy, treasurer.

Hughes at Myrtle Beach AFB



A3c Larry E. Hughes was assigned to Myrtle Beach (S.C.) Air Force Base Jan. 3, after a leave of several days spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hughes of Gastonia. His father is a plumber at Firestone.

Larry worked in the weaving department for several weeks upon graduation from Ashley High School last spring, then entered the Air Force. He had basic instruction at Lackland AFB, Texas before transfer to Greenville (Miss.) AFB where he recently completed a 12-week course in personnel.

At Myrtle AFB he will continue his education through the University of South Carolina extension service.

Employees' Son Preaches, Studies

Richard Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Johnson of the cloth room, is a student at Union Theological Seminary of Vanderbilt University, and pastor of Uniontown Christian Church, Uniontown, Ky. He is a graduate of Ashley High School and a cum laude graduate of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson.

Richard and Jacqueline Kay Stowe of Gastonia were married here Dec. 22.

The story of Liberia—Africa's earliest republic dating to 1822—is interwoven with the history of the Firestone company. The company's vast rubber plantations there have provided employment and social uplift for the Liberian people since 1926.

Cornely Promoted At Hopewell Plant

Jack M. Cornely, former chief accountant at the Gastonia and Bennettsville plants, is vice president and general manager of the Firestone Plastic Company.

The appointment followed announcement of the transfer of the administrative headquarters of Firestone Synthetics Fibers Company from Pottstown, Pa. to Hopewell, Va. in late 1963.

Mr. Cornely, comptroller at Pottstown since last year, joined Firestone in 1942 while attend-

ing school. After army service from 1943 to 1946, he finished college and did some graduate study.

Returning to Firestone in 1949, he was assigned to his job with the Gastonia and Bennettsville plants until 1954. He returned to Akron the following year as staff accountant. Promoted to factory auditor in the tire plants, he next became company auditor in 1959 and manager of accounting for Akron tire plants in 1961.

The plastics division produces a complete line of vinyl resins and copolymers, vinyl latexes, butadiene-styrene latexes, polyethylene film and calendered vinyl and ABS film and sheeting.

Among synthetic fibers produced by Firestone at Hopewell are nylon tire yarn, "Nyloft" continuous-filament nylon carpet yarn, fine-denier nylon textured yarn, Saran and polypropylene monofilament and "Spandelle" spandex elastomeric yarn.

Firestone purchased the Hopewell plant in 1959 and a year later became the first American rubber company to produce its own nylon filament for tire cord.

Story Recalls Loray Band

A "Down Memory Lane" feature in The Gastonia Gazette on a recent Sunday recalled the local excitement upon the memorable Armistice Day ending World War I in 1918. The item mentioned a mayor-led formal celebration in front of the old Armington Hotel, the program featuring music by the Flint Groves and Loray (Firestone) bands, and a few brief speeches.

Several Firestone oldtimers have cherished memories of the brass band here. It used to put on concerts at a lattice-sided bandstand near the present site of Gaston Technical Institute.

• **STRONG STICKUM**—Xylos Rubber Company, a subsidiary of the parent Firestone company, produces more than 200 types of adhesives for bonding a variety of materials. One of these products, a Loxite vinyl elastomer, is so strong that—for example—it can glue latches to frames of convertible tops for boats without any kind of bracing.

The capital, Monrovia, was named after James Monroe, America's fifth President.

Indy 500-Race Film Distributed

A 28 minute, 16mm film on the 1963 Indianapolis 500-mile auto race and featuring split-second excitement of the famous classic, is available through the Firestone company.

The film shows the fierce competition among 33 of the most talented race drivers in the world. Speed records fall as man and machine battle for top spot.

In color and sound, "Indianapolis 500—1963" features qualification runs, pre-race excitement and the spectacular duel

between winner Parnelli Jones and Jim Clark who finished just 34 seconds behind.

The film is available as a public service without charge to schools, churches, club groups, civic and community organizations. Association Films, Inc. distributes copies in the Gastonia area from its Oakmont, Pa. office. Further information on borrowing the film is available at the plant industrial relations office.

Warp and Filling OF THE PASSING SCENE

4-Gallon Record

Production manager F. B. Galligan keeps the manufacturing processes running smoothly here—with no little phase of his job that of dealing wisely with people at work.

But his thoughtfulness and concern for others take on special dimensions when it comes to

humanitarian causes. An example was the 32nd pint of blood which the production manager gave to the Red Cross bloodmobile in December.

He thus became one of five donors with four-gallon records in Gaston county.

Said the local chapter of the Red Cross: His contribution would have been far more generous by this time, if it had not been for the surgery which he had a year ago. The usual one-year suspension of giving blood was up just days before Mr. Galligan reached the four-gallon mark by giving his pint at Faith Methodist Church in East Gastonia.

Whistle Toots — And Bigger Things

A railroad company down in Texas figures that it costs two-thirds of a penny to toot the train whistle once on a single run. The company has discovered that it costs around \$15,000 a year to toot the whistle on

runs between Dallas and Houston alone.

Sort of a reminder that seemingly little things add up to big things over a period of time—such as day-to-day wise use of materials and equipment in manufacture, small steps that lead to big quality, little acts of thoughtfulness that promote job safety.

Tax Forms

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ments from the plant payroll office. The N.C. State form and the W-2 will be furnished wage earners during January.

"Guard against misplacing or losing your forms," advises Mrs.

Wilson "And when filing returns, carefully follow instructions on the back of each form."

Any change in your status would affect your tax exemptions should be reported to the payroll office, or (for third shift) to the First-Aid nurse.



Play Cool — Protect Your Vision

What's your winter pleasure? Fancy figures on a frozen pond? Swift sleigh rides down a steep hill? Or fast flight over a mountain ski slope? Play it cool by protecting your vision first, reminds the American Optometric Association. Says the AOA: Properly-ground sunglasses are a must on the ski slopes, where eyes are subject to glare of sun and stark white snow. Safety lenses and strong frames protect eyeglasses when children learn to use equipment such as ski poles and bobsleds.

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