



WORK WELL DONE

Top fork-lift and tow-truck drivers received awards in January. Warehouse manager Fred Morrow (left) presented Savings Bonds to Luther Thompson; and a check to Sam Love (seated on truck), and George Pendergrass.

Awards To Truck Operators

While moving materials during 1963, warehouse fork-lift and tow-truck operators built a good safety record, with three of the drivers earning awards for outstanding work.

First-place payoff, a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond, went to Luther Thompson, who was third winner in 1962.

Tying for second-place honor were Sam Love and George Pendergrass, who each received a check for \$7.50.

SEVEN years ago the company set up the truck-safety program, taking into account the major property investment in fork-lift and tow trucks in warehouse service, and the dangers

involved in their operation.

The program stresses maintenance, with special attention to driver safety; good performance and operating efficiency.

The three prizes each January are reckoned on the basis of such features as the individual driver's knowledge and practice of safety rules as apply especially to his job, alertness, attitude,

John Fowler Jr. In AFROTC

John Daniel Fowler, Jr., 1963 Firestone Scholarship winner in the Gastonia area, has been accepted as a member of Century Squadron, freshman-sophomore group of the Air Force Reserve

and maintenance of his assigned vehicle.

Current scoring system is based upon points earned, and/or demerits according to standardized rules having to do with all phases of safety and truck operating procedures.

Drivers are periodically told of their individual point standings throughout the year. Award winners are selected when scores are totaled at the end of the calendar year.

Officers Training Corp at the University of North Carolina.

Cadet Fowler, a graduate of Ashley High School, has finished a six-week pledge program, preparatory to the AFROTC membership.

John's mother works in twisting (syn. respool).

Tompkins: Good Time In New Orleans

For their 40th wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tompkins, both of main office, decided to give each other a present.

So, they traveled to New Orleans and spent five days revelling in the history and scenery of the Crescent City. The recent visit there—their first—was an excursion among one of the richest troves of history and legend in America.

The Tompkins stayed at the Monte Leon Hotel in the famed French Quarter and from there made daily tours to many of the storied places of interest.

"They told us that New Orleans is now the second largest port to New York, so we just had to take a two-hour boat trip to get the feel of the big Mississippi River which curves around the city like a giant crescent," said Mr. Tompkins.

They toured the St. Louis Cathedral on Chartres Street and Jackson Square, ate at Antoine Alciatore's restaurant, took in sights of the French Market, Pirates Alley, browsed through antique shops and museums, saw the Court of Two Sisters, visited the parks and toured Loyola University.

Care For Your 'Lifting Machine'

The human body is a mechanical system of hinges and levers worked by "cables" just like many machines, points out a University of Illinois safety specialist. Each bone, joint and muscle, he says, has a definite purpose, and overloading or using improperly invites injuries.

These practices will help you take care of your "machine":

—Always have a clear view of where you are going.

—Get close to the object you are lifting, keep firm footing on floor or ground.

—Get a good hold and pick up only what you can control.

—Always bend your knees and keep your back straight when lifting. Push yourself up with your leg muscles—not those in your back.

Fact of economic life: There can be no security for any employee in any business that doesn't make money.

Annual Report Issue Coming

This year's Gastonia edition of the company's annual report issue of plant newspapers is expected to be distributed here by late February.

The special issue is a progress report and review of the past year. It is produced by the department of public relations at Akron, Ohio headquarters, in cooperation with Firestone plant newspaper editors and others in industrial relations departments of the factories and other installations around the world.

HANDWRITING ANALYSIS REVEALS

What Made February Greats 'Tick'

The "big three" of America's famous people whose birthdays come in February are just about as familiar to everyone as soap and water. Contributions they made to society, interesting things about their lives—even what they liked to eat and drink—are widely known.

But what about the inner man—the real self? What did George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas A. Edison have in common? How did they differ? What made them "go" and why?

An eminent New York psychiatrist has come up with a psychograph of each of these men's handwriting, shedding interesting light on the subject.

FROM the analysis, Washington was intensely driven and stimulated by imperfections in himself and in the world around him. Instead of trying to overcome these stumblingblocks through denial, explaining them away, or trying to educate himself out of them, he chose realistic action and "immediate dealing with the object world."

Lincoln, like Washington, was "stubborn, persistent and fanatically goal-conscious."

Both Washington and Lincoln were thoroughly sincere and genuine personalities.

In Edison's case, his laboratory achieved for him the same

meaning that the world of politics and the military held for Washington and Lincoln. Like them, he "fought traditional limitations, restrictions and conventions without being destructive and rebellious himself."

Edison's unusual handwriting, developed when he was a telegrapher, shows a personality of genuineness, spontaneity and originality. He drove relentlessly to penetrate into the core of things without being bothered by convention, prejudice, preconceived thought.

MAKING the most of his talents, he found the world the ideal proving ground for his capabilities. He was interested in people as well as in experiments; found himself eager to meet and know people from as many different backgrounds as possible.

If forced to be disappointed in people, the experience only strengthened his incentive for further striving and research.

Observed the psychiatrist: "Edison's handwriting at age 78 indicates that he was able to keep his keen mental resourcefulness, power of observation, originality of thought, and ability to adapt his mind to changing situations."

Further observations on personality traits indicated in handwriting samples here are offered

by Mrs. Claude Callaway, wife of the Firestone News editor. She has studied graphology as a hobby for 15 years.

Washington: Unusually broad-minded. Had natural ability to get along well with all kinds of people. Consistently diplomatic. "Salt of the earth"—unsophisticated. In spite of his great achievements in the military, he was by nature a peaceable man, but aggressive for causes in which he believed.

Lincoln: Loved action. Incomplete things and unfinished business "bugged" him. Impatient, often having to make conscious and determined effort to keep this trait under control. Inflexible and downright mulish in standing up for what he believed. Generosity came with some difficulty.

Edison: Possessed unusual sense of color, untiring enthusiasm, unbounded physical and intellectual drive helped along by strong self-discipline. No dreamer in the conventional sense, he always knew where he was going. One of the world's most noteworthy examples of a creative personality.

'a tendency to strengthen & give a permanent basis to the Union at home - and credit & respectability to it abroad. - The accomplishment whereof is a remaining wish, & the primary object of all my desires'

Edison

of the N. Y. J. With your concurrence, and that of the Governor of New York, I am willing to receive them when they shall be ready to be printed.

*Yours truly,
A. Lincoln*

Earthy adviser - Bought Aldrich's Story of a bad boy which is a spongy literature very witty and charming - and a work on Goethe & Schiller by Boynton which is soggy literature a little with anecdotals in this style of literature would have the same effect as baking soda on bread, give pleasing results.

Thomas A. Edison

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A newspaper filler item says that boys have more colds than girls, but women have more than men. The hopeful note about all this is that a person who recovers from a cold may expect to be immune seven weeks.

—Twister Tender