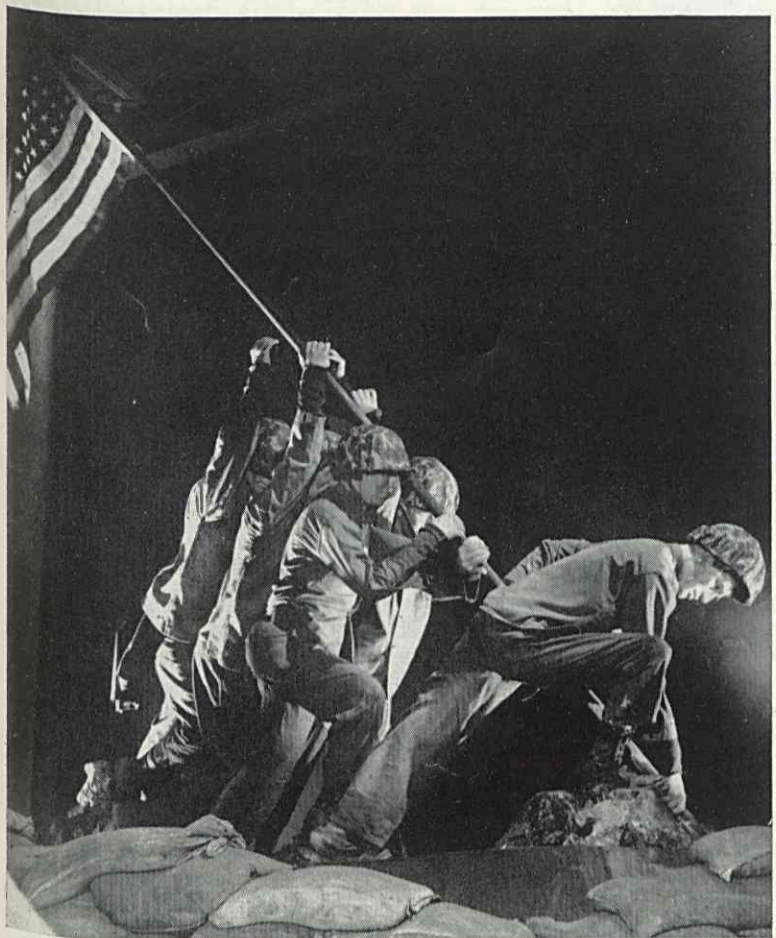


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Raising of the Stars and Stripes on Mt. Suribachi in World War II, one of the ex-

## AN INDEPENDENCE — MONTH MESSAGE

### When Thomas Jefferson Prayed For His Country

“ALMIGHTY God, who has given us this good land for our heritage, we beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners.  
“Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues.  
“Endow with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth.  
“In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, in days of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

### Varied Fare On Rec Program

Softball, baseball and golf are sports in which employees and members of their families are participating in the plant recreation program this summer.  
Also on the schedule this season are a community sing with weekly sessions, activities

### Production Manager At UF Meeting

Plant production manager F. B. Galligan was among the United Way volunteer leaders selected to attend the national UF conference for campaign leaders at Dayton, Ohio in June.  
Mr. Galligan is chairman of the Oct. 8-Nov. 1 Gastonia UF Appeal which solicits operating funds for UF participating

hibits of the American Wax Museum at Independence Mall in Philadelphia. Here more than 100 figures and some 30 tableaux recreate history's greatest moments — and people — in the Legend of America.

through the Retired Men of Firestone Club, Variety Garden Club of Firestone; and the classes and workshops in ceramics.  
Firestone playground, with wading pool for children to 12 years of age, and other recreational facilities, is in its 10-week season. It is operated by the Gastonia Department of Parks and Recreation. Included in the playground program this season is instruction in arts and crafts.

agencies for 1965. This year the UF is seeking a record total of \$212,485.77 for support of 26 community welfare-betterment services.  
The production manager here met in Dayton with 299 other UF campaign chairmen from all over the United States and Canada.

The Firestone company recorded an increase of 25.9 per cent in earnings for the first six months of the current fiscal year. Chairman Harvey S. Firestone Jr. and President Raymond C. Firestone said both the second quarter and first six months of the fiscal year were the highest sales and earnings in the company's history.

They reported record sales of \$689,444,229 and record estimated net income of \$33,857,663 for the six months ended April 30.

Sales were 7.6 per cent more than the previous record of \$641,027,522 during the same period last year. Earnings increased from \$26,889,001 to \$33,857,663 during the first half of 1963 and exceeded the \$30,392,317 record for the period in 1960.

**ESTIMATED** net income for first six months amounted to \$1.18 per share in common stock, compared with 94 cents during the same period a year ago. Provision for domestic and foreign taxes on income amounted to \$36,050,000 in the first six months this year and \$30,700,000 last year.

The officers said \$3,500,000 has been set aside this year as provision for devaluation of assets in foreign countries, compared with \$3,142,622 during the first six months of 1963.

Sales during the second quarter totaled a record \$356,951,167 compared with the former high of \$336,870,699 in February, March and April last year.

Record income of \$18,284,089 was earned during the quarter, compared with \$12,329,371 in the

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**There are more than 222,000 persons employed in North Carolina's 1,077 textile plants. They earn nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars a year.**

## Record Sales And Earnings

FIRST SIX-MONTHS PERIOD



• Scout Costner displays the Harvey S. Firestone Jr. Award Silver Medallion. With him are Max Robinson (left), his Scoutmaster, and Firestone Textiles general manager Harold Mercer, who presented the award.

## Ray Costner Is Top Scout

“It's not often that a Boy Scout makes 32 advancements in two years,” said employee relations manager Ralph Johnson when Gastonia's outstanding Scout received his award at the Recreation Center last month.

Johnson was referring to Ray Costner, 15-year-old farm boy who is this year's winner of the Harvey S. Firestone Jr. Award for all-round Scouting excellence. Chosen from 38 boys nominated for the coveted award, Costner received from general manager Harold Mercer

the Silver Medallion, a Certificate of Merit, a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, and a check for \$15.50 to help with expenses for a week at Camp Schiele in Polk county.

**COSTNER** is the 19th Gastonia-area boy to win the Firestone Award.  
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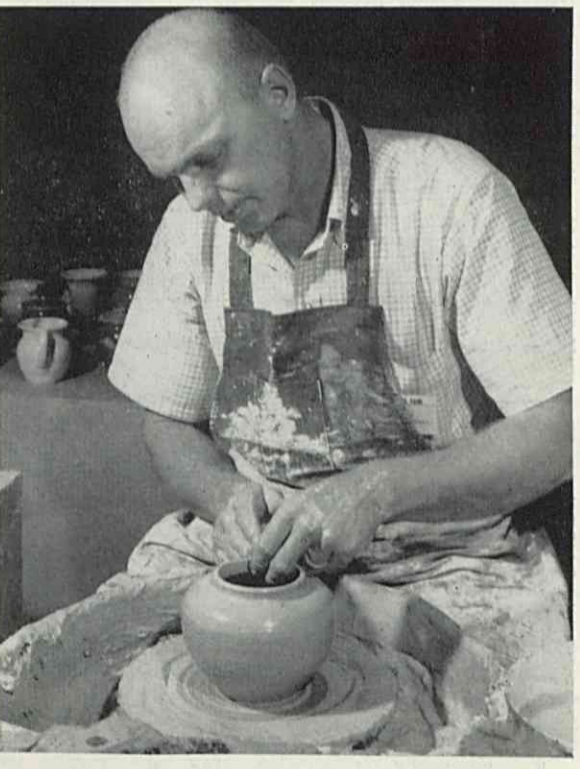


**LOOKING AROUND FROM CAMP FIRESTONE**

### A Fair in the Highlands

Company-operated Camp Firestone, nestling deep in the Blue Ridge Mountains, is in its 29th season offering employees and their families rest-recreation in a lake-and-forest setting. At Bridgewater-Nebo on Lake James, Camp Firestone is an ideal “leave-your-cares-behind” facility in one of the country's most-visited highland playgrounds.

And it's a good point from which to make sightseeing tours of a far-flung mountain domain—all no more than a few hours travel from Marion.



Going Back Chiltoskey, Cherokee Indian wood-carver. Figure at left is of a Cherokee Eagle Dancer representing those in “Unto These Hills” outdoor drama at Cherokee. Chiltoskey and potter Tom Case of Arden (right) are among regular artisans who show their skills at the Craftsman's Fair of the Southern Highlands, Asheville.—NC Travel Information Division photos.

Typical of annual visitor events in the area is the Craftsman's Fair of the Southern Highlands at Asheville. The 17th annual Fair is July 13-17.