

Now What's A Dumifutchet?

To the weaver and the inspector of fabrics, pick means one filling yarn in a piece of cloth or other loomed material. But to the man and woman who work here and whose background is in the Southern Appalachian Country, "pick" means choice or preference.

"I've been layin' off a long time to go up to Maggie Valley," announced a doffer to his fellow worker the other day. To the initiated in the ways of the Southern Highlands where speech still retains a flavor that goes farther back than Shakespeare, to "lay off" means to plan or contemplate something.

The word picture originally was that of a farmer laying off a furrow to plant seed. Hence, making ready to do it.

And did you know that a dumifutchet is a gadget? That if you're in a swivet, you're in a hurry? Or that a coon's age is a long time?

WHEN a doffer went on vacation last summer, he took his clothes and other belongings in a go poke. Others would call it a traveling bag or a piece of luggage.

These are but samples of what you may chance to hear routinely in and around the plant, if you listen carefully to people on the job here—those with a country beginning where language has been spiced with talk right out of the King James Bible.

"He holp me start the machine," said one millwright. His fellow worker knew that "holp" is an old form of "helped."

To extend the examples, here

is short dictionary of words and phrases with a Southern Highland taste:

- Ax: ask
- Beyanst (and yon): beyond
- Ary: any; Nary: none
- Chanch: chance
- All-overs: nervousness
- Cooter around: to travel aimlessly; piddle
- Feisty: impertinent
- Edzact: to reason out
- Grabbin' fer distance: running hard
- Had a fashion: had a habit
- Git shut of to finish, pay off dispose of; be done with
- Give him down the road: severely reprimanded him
- Got all over him (or jumped all over him): strongly criticized or reprimanded
- Play like: pretend
- Play-purties: toys

YOU JUST AX ABODY FROM 'YANST SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

- On the go-down: sickly; failing in vigor
- Pack: to carry
- Tetchious: fretful; sensitive to criticism
- Ruction: a fight
- Tell me the straight of it: be truthful and accurate.
- Abody: an individual person.
- Plime blank: exact, likeness or image—as "It's the plime-blank gospel," or "He's plime-blank like his daddy."
- Shamp: to cut or "shingle" one's hair.
- Brownie: a penny, copper one-cent piece.
- Like: Lack or short of—as "I like 20 cents having enough money to buy the dress."
- Pair: power
- He can't be ketched wrong: very adaptable, ready
- Far: fire; Flair: flower

- Purty peart: fairly well, healthy
- Well-turned: of amiable disposition
- Solid ready: versatile and capable
- Flannel-mouthed: soft-spoken, speaking "soft and gladsome words"
- Spizzurenctum: vigor, energy.
- And some more—
- Strict: Elegant, finest quality and workmanship — as "That watch sure is strict".
- Won't tarry ye none: Won't delay, or prevent you.
- It flew all over him: Greatly irritated him.
- In all my borned days: Within my lifetime.
- Clever: generous, inclined to share with others.
- Right smart: goodly portion; generous measure; several.
- Lickety-split: running headlong, in a great hurry.
- Cut: to tolerate—as "I can't cut turnip greens for breakfast."

FIRESTONE VISIT

181 Pints Added To Bloodbank

The Piedmont Carolinas bloodmobile, operated by the Red Cross Gaston County Chapter, added 181 pints to its lifesaving supply here in February. Employees and Firestone-family members and neighbors in the plant community were donors on the first of the two regular collection stops at Firestone Recreation Center each year.

Of the 181 donors, 4 of the number reached 4-gallon status; 6, the 2-gallon mark; and 8 made the 1-gallon roster.

Those Who Gave

David Adams, Dr. Simeon Adams, Oscar Baker, Bobbie Baldwin, J. C. Barnes, William Barnes, Jeanette Baucom, Glenn Bell, James Biddix, Carl Black, Opal Bradley, Coy Bradshaw, Coy Briggs, James Brindle, Luther Brown, Sam Bunton, Sammy Bunton, James Burr, Ida Byers, Betty Byrum.

Frank Capps, Melvin Carpenter, Cornelia Carringer, Gene Carson, John Carson, Jr., James Carter, Paul Chastain, Everett Clark, Doris Corella, William Cooney, Dorothy Couick, James Craig, Lloyd Crain, Eva Nell Crawford, Samuel Crawford, Joel Crawley, Kenneth Crouse, Earl Cunningham.

Murray Dalrymple, Coy Davis,

Fred Davis, Roy Davis, Bertha Dettmar, Allen Dills, James Dixon, Woodrow Dodgen, Clarence Donaldson, George Dow, Darlin Duncan, Clyde Elmore, Jack Faile, Pansy Falls, John Fender, James Ferguson, Exlice Fletcher, John Fletcher, Ralph Franklin, Delores Fritton, Grady Froneberger.

F. B. Galligan, William Ginn, Joe Givens, Ralph Goebel, Thomas Grant, Joan Grindstaff, Hazel Groves, George Hall, Jerry Hall, John Hall, Charles Hamrick, Belon Hanna, Ben Hanna, F. B. Harrison, Lynn Hawkins, Keith Haygood, Lynda Helton, George High, George Hill, Doris Hollifield, Albert Hope, Lloyd Hope, James Hord, Grace Hudspeth, Ralph Huffstetler, Horace Hughes, Robert Huss.

Nelson Jackson, Clarence Jolly, Bobby Jones, Jesse Jones, Herschel Jordan, Lennel Keenum, Larry Kennedy, Alfred Kessell, Mason King, Melvin Knox, Donald Lewis, Harold Lewis, James Lewis, Jesse Liles, Cramer Little, Raymond Long, Howard Love.

Frances McArver, Beatrice McCarter, Douglas McCarter, Lila McClure, Andrew McKoy, Roxie McNabb, J. Q. McPher-son, Charles McSwain, Neil

Marlow, B. F. Massey, Ernest Mauney, John Mercer, George Miller, John Mitchell, Olive Moretz, David Mosier, Roxie Newton, Ethelen Nichols, Carl Nivens, John Nix.

Dillard Palmer, Leroy Palmer, Charlie Parham, Mattie Passmore, Charlie Plyler, Wilford Powell, Robert Ramsey, Erskine Ratchford, Frank Ratchford, Ralph Reep, Deuel Redding, Mildred Redding, Alvin Riley, Ruby Riley, Robert Rivenbark, Harold Robinson, Horace Robinson, Jack Robinson, Max Robinson, Bobby Rogers, Kenneth Rothrock.

Osborne Sherrill, William Shull, James Sills, James Slechta, Bobby Smith, Dave Smith, James Smith, Jr., Norman Smith, Lorine Spearman, Albertus Spencer, Kenneth Stephenson, W. O. Stephenson, Leslie Stewart, Wade Stiles, Elton Still, Richard Stone, Thurman Summey.

James Thomas, Luell Thomas, Ray Thomas, James Thompson, Clara Truesdale, James Turner, Ruth Turner, Thomas Turner, Richard Wallace, Johnnie Weaver, Ila Webster, Tracy Whitener, Brady Whitesides, P. R. Williams, Hansford Wilkes, Mary Wilkes, Coy Willard, W. M. Willis, Eula Wilson, W. L. Wright.



Jo Ann Case was among the students who made the Dean's List at Gaston College for the first semester, recently ended. A graduate of Frank Ashley High School and a first-year student at Gaston College, Jo Ann is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Case. Her father is in the mechanical department at Firestone.

Dean's List At Gaston College

Six More On Service Roster

To the 564 people who had earned 20-year service records at the Gastonia plant as of January, add 6 more who passed the same work milestone in February. Roland Huss of the shop was the first of the group to be employed in 1945. Others are Clarence Free, carding; Boyd Lelon Bolynn, Virginia H. Eaker and John R. Fender, all twisting (synthetics); Wayne O'Dell, weaving (synthetics).

While these people were receiving their service lapel pins and the traditional gift of a watch from the company, 20 others here were marking work records of from 5 to 15 years.

Fifteen Years

James C. Walker, Erwin W. Adams, General C. Smith, twisting (synthetics); Edna Bates Champion, cloth room; Emery McDaniel, shop; Samuel E. Crawford, industrial relations; Charles P. McArver, main office.

Ten Years

Fred Crawford, James Thomas Neal, Opal A. Bradley, twisting (synthetics); Warren Harding Chastain, E. M. Franklin Sartin, Betty A. Phillips, weaving (synthetics).

Five Years

Dorsey Bobby Parson, Helen Massey Mauney, Ernest Milton Mason, Patience L. Bentley, twisting (synthetics); Charles E. Patterson, Darlene G. Clark, weaving (synthetics); Buddy Beaver, shop.

'Super' Tester Being Developed

The world's first supersonic testing machine for tires will be built by the man who has gone faster on land than anyone else in history.

Art Arfons, the Akron, Ohio racer-inventor who set a world's land speed record of 536.71 mph last October, is going to build a machine for Firestone that will test tires at speeds up to 800 mph.

It will be constructed around a 1,450-horsepower Allison aircraft engine, with a single-stage supercharging system producing 350 more horsepower, if needed.

Arfons has invented a fluid-drive transmission that will al-

low the machine to speed up to 800 mph in 30 seconds.

Firestone has begun an intensive development program on a supersonic tire for future land-speed runs at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

These supersonic tires will be run against an 800-pound flywheel to be connected to the Allison engine.

The fastest testing machines in operation now are confined to the 600-plus mph range. Speed of sound at sea level is near 750 mph.

Arfons took the land speed record on Oct. 27 at Bonneville in a 17,500-horsepower jet streamliner. He is expected to soon release plans for a supersonic jet car, on which he is currently working with Firestone engineers.

Garden Club Gave \$50 To Museum

Variety Garden Club of Firestone last month presented a \$50 check to Schiele Museum of Natural History. It was the proceeds from a rummage sale, one of the many community-oriented projects which the club sponsors each year.

At the regular monthly meeting in February, Variety Club members toured the Schiele Museum, after viewing a movie "Through the Seasons of The Great Smoky Mountains National Park". Director Schiele, who made the film himself,

presented a geographical history of the park, drawing upon his experience as a ranger at the national facility.

Of club activities, Variety members are making tray favors and dining-room decorations for St. Patrick's Day at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. W. R. Turner, Sr., wife of a Firestone supervisor and newly-elected president of the club, will preside over a display of candles which she is preparing for the Southeastern Flower and Garden Show at the Char-

lotte Merchandise Mart March 6-14.

Mrs. Turner, a well-known flower judge, lecturer on art-flower arranging and home candle-making, is a member of Ikebana International, Japanese flower organization.

Street Stage . . .

Parked car off Vance Street, its dusty body side bearing finger-lettered message: WASH ME.

Lettered on door of West Gastonia laundry center: OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY . . . LOAFING.

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Think On This . . .

If we had to pay for the light of the sun, the cost of one 12-hour day of sunshine for the whole earth would be more than 100 million times a million dollars.