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• **THE WEATHER** November wears a paisley shaw
—Hilda Morris

November chill blows loud w/ angry sigh.
—Robert Burns

FLOWER: Chrysanthemum
BIRTHSTONE: Topaz

She's A Spinner And A Weaver

"November days are 30," wrote Edward Thomas in one of his poems. But that was not always so, for up to 46 B.C., the month we now have as No. 11 on the calendar had but 29 days. November is from the Latin word "novem" meaning nine, because it was the ninth of the ancient Roman year which began in March. Julius Caesar revamped the calendar in 46 B.C. and that's how November got its present 30 days.

The Roman emperor Tiberius refused to let the Senate name November for him.

Long ago, the Anglo Saxons called November Windmonath (wind month) and also Blodmonath (blood month) from their practice of slaughtering animals for winter use.

For those who like to attach a sense of the seasons to months

of the calendar, Margaret Rose has set down a word picture of apt description:

November is a spinner/Spinning in the mist/Weaving such a lovely web/Of gold and amethyst. In among the shadows/She spins till close of day/Then quietly she folds her hands/And puts her work away.

Dates to Remember

Presidents' birthdays this month: 2—James Polk and Warren Harding; 19—James Garfield; 23—Franklin Pierce; 24—Zachary Taylor. Other outstanding Americans: 2 — Daniel Boone; 3—William C. Bryant; 4—Will Rogers; 6—John Philip Sousa; 14—Robert Fulton; 19—George Rogers Clark; 30—Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain).

• Historical anniversaries: The 11th month lays claim to some industrial-scientific anniversaries, among them — First production of synthetic rubber on a commercial scale, Nov. 2, 1931; and America's first silk-producing power loom patented by William Crompton of Taunton, Mass., Nov. 14, 1837.

More milestones in November: 10—U. S. Marine Corps created, 1775; 18—Standard time adopted, 1883; and associated with our rich heritage: 11 — Monument dedicated and burial of America's Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, 1921; 15—Articles of Confederation adopted, 1777; 19—Lincoln's Gettysburg Address delivered, 1863; 21 — Mayflower Compact signed, 1620; N.C. ratified U.S. Constitution, 1789; 26—Thanksgiving Day first designated as national holiday by Presidential proclamation, 1789.

Some Things To Do In November

• In family circle, read aloud some of our rich literature on the harvest season. . . If not already done, check heating system to insure safe operation. . . Bake some cookies and share some with others. . . Sow carrot, beet seed and mulch for early spring harvest. . . Go with the family on a picnic in the woods, collect acorns and pine cones for holiday decorating. . . Renew a sense of thanksgiving during this season of gratitude. . . For added appreciation of our heritage in America, read Charles M. Crowe's book **IN THIS FREE LAND**.

• **Observances** • November is Religion in American Life month; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Day, 25.

Coast To Coast In A Housebus

If you really want to know the joys of vacation travel, set out across the continent in a housebus, taking with you all the conveniences of home. Rig up the bus yourself for some extra satisfaction.

Alford Ferguson, eldest son of plant employment manager C. M. Ferguson, converted a Greyhound coach into a traveling house while he and his family were living in Sacramento, Calif.

In October, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, their four sons and two daughters and the wife of one of the sons, visited a few days at the elder Ferguson's home in Gastonia. The party left here and headed up East for more sightseeing and visiting, going by way of the Shenandoah Valley.

Alford, an employee of a firm

which built the engines for the Gemini 4 spacecraft, left Gastonia in 1939. He and the family have lived in California for the past 11 years. After his Gastonia visit, he was expecting to be transferred to a new location with his company.

Their housebus? It boasts comfortable living-sleeping quarters and modern plumbing. An 80-gallon water tank and a 110-volt power plant are part of the arrangements.

The Fergusons traveled East in the bus, pulling along a panel wagon loaded with extra supplies and equipment. The married son and his wife drove their own car "in front and behind", as the party came across Nevada and Arizona, up to Colorado and across the Rockies, then over to Chattanooga for a short stop, and on to Gastonia.



As part of Fire Prevention Week in October, a "Graveyard of Carelessness" near the main plant entrance was a reminder of tragedy resulting from some common fire hazards. Plant fire brigade chief, Horace Hughes, worked out the idea with the mechanical department which pro-

duced "memorial slabs" for the "buryin' ground." Said Hughes: "Fire Prevention Week each year emphasizes dangers we live with every day. We do well to remember that every week is fire-prevention time."

Warp and Filling

Firestone News Goes To School

Instructor W. T. Moore's history classes at Forest Hill High School in Jackson, Miss. are whetting up on the facts about the real inventor of the cotton gin. The students' search is helped along by an article reprint which originally appeared in Firestone News of Gastonia, March, 1962.

The article, "He Beat Eli Whitney to the Cotton Gin," tells of Francis Krebs who came from the Rhineland of Germany, settled in America's Deep South,

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and invented an advanced cotton gin 20 years before Eli Whitney put his machine in operation in 1793.

Mr. Moore wrote last month to request copies of the article for his students.

Since the Firestone News article first appeared, about 4,000 reprint copies have been distributed to visitors stopping at the Old Spanish Fort-Museum in Pascagoula, Miss. Comments from readers have come to Firestone News from several states.

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QC Manager Director In ASQC

R. B. Hull, manager of quality control, has been elected a director of the Charlotte section, American Society For Quality Control. The Firestone man was advanced to senior member of ASQC early this year, in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments as a manager of quality control.

ASQC was founded in 1946 as the national professional organization of quality control engineers and managers. It has almost 13,000 members in over 125 local groups. Textiles is one of its seven major divisions in industry.



November And Her Festival Days

RECREATION TRAVEL NOTES

20; sports car hill climb, Chimney Rock, 27-28; gymkhana-pet show, Pinehurst, 28.

Two big "down-home" festivities this month in NC are the Tobaccoland Square Dance Round-up at Raleigh, 12-13, and Harvest Square Dance at Pinehurst, 26.

Adventures In The Sky • At Chapel Hill's Morehead Planetarium now through Nov. 22 you can see "The Earth and the Universe." Nov. 23-Jan. 10: the perennial favorite, "Star of Bethlehem", in its 17th annual season. The program reaches back some 2,000 years to create a celestial pageant to complement the Christmas Story as told in the King James Bible.

In South Carolina, one special event is the Thanksgiving Day dedication at Greenville of Bob Jones University's new art gallery and museum building. It will house the university's collection of religious art and have facilities for exhibits.

Surf . . . Sand And Solitude • A tour of the Carolinas highlands is a "natural" for this time of year. On the opposite end of the scene, plant recreation suggests the "different world" of Ocracoke, one of the islands in the famous "Outer Banks" of North Carolina. The tiny piece of land washed by Pamlico Sound and the Atlantic, boasts one village of some 500 people near its southern tip. The rest of the island is uninhabited, and with its ocean beach is part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Except for a small area with lifeguard protection, it is a wilderness of sand, surf and solitude.

Visit with the friendly people and discover the island's charm. Points of interest: The Lighthouse, Coast Guard Station, village street, little Harbor, fishing fleets, shipwrecks, gnarled live oaks, sandy lanes, dunes, rough seas, the calm surf.

The Harbor offers boating, sailing, skiing, dock fishing. Good at this season are beachcombing, shell-hunting, bird-watching and hiking in the sun. Try Ocracoke for something unusual.

At Rest in the Rose Garden



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HELP FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES