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Another Award for Safety

Of the several honors which the National Safety Council has bestowed upon Firestone Textiles at Gastonia, for the first time it gave the plant its Group III (Textiles Section) Award.

The Group III Award received here last month, is represented by a wood-and-lucite plaque. It marks the plant's outstanding safety performance in the calendar year 1965, when people here recorded almost 3,000,000 manhours in production without a lost-time injury.

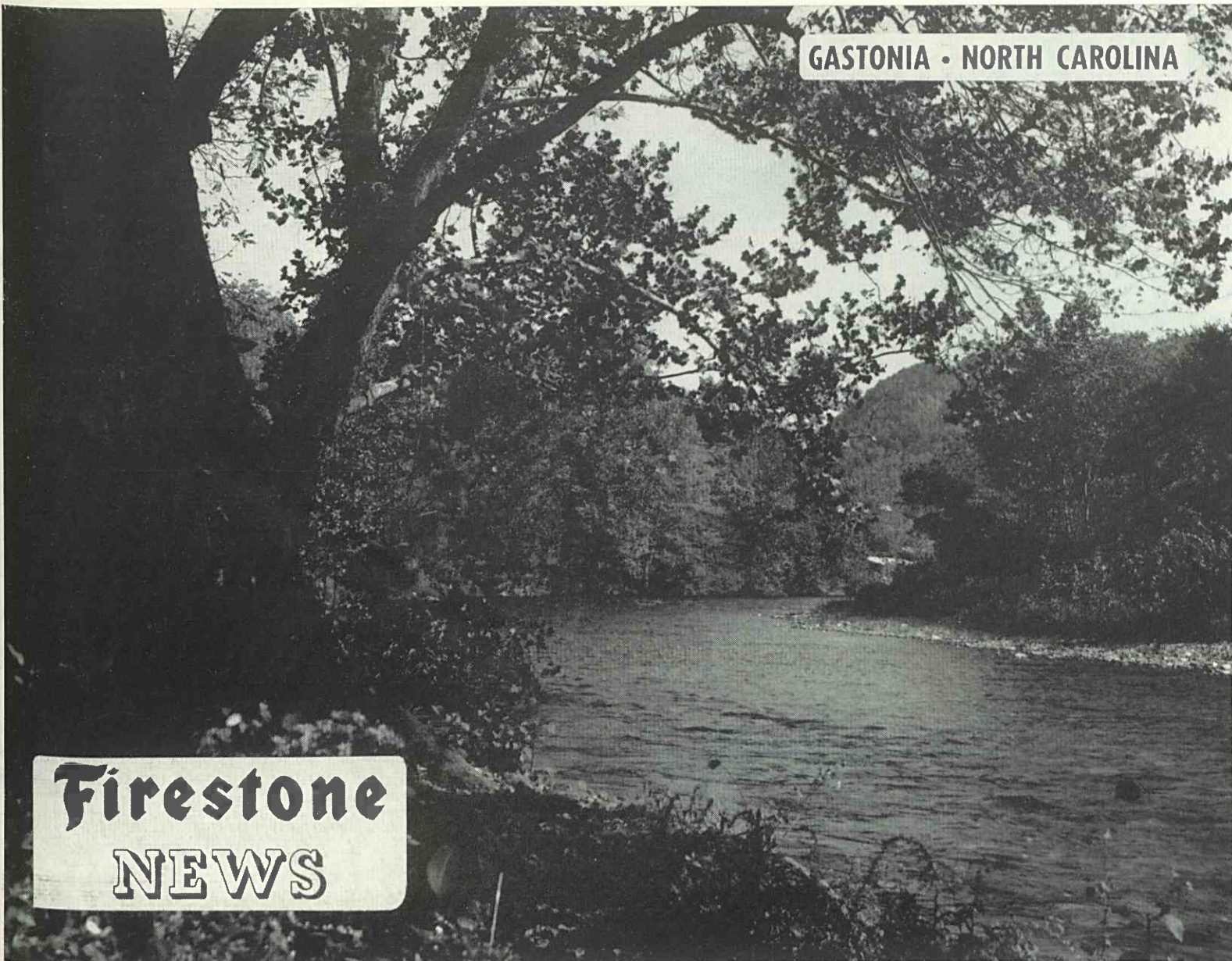
National Safety Council serves four major industries or sections. Judging for the Award in the Textile Section is within the range of between 1,500,000 and 5,000,000 manhours free of lost-time injuries.

Firestone Textiles was first place in its category. The Award is part of the recognition which the NSC has for its continuing programs of good industrial safety performance.

Earlier this year the plant received the NSC Award of Honor, the Council's highest compliment for injury control in industry.

As of late May, the production record here without a lost-time injury was well past the 4,000,000-manhour point.

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Firestone NEWS

Cool, clear water

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AROUND CAMP FIRESTONE

The serenity which goes with a cool, clear mountain stream suggests summertime "when the living's easy" and beckons Firestone people to joys of the great outdoors. This Firestone News photo was made on the Oconaluftee River at Cherokee, on an extension trip from Camp Firestone at Bridgewater. It's one of a million refreshing scenes

in Nature's panorama down many a road from the company-operated retreat on Lake James.

Conservation-minded Firestone people will visit the Oconaluftee and other streams like it this season and gain a new appreciation of the Southland's remaining unspoiled waterways.

Raymond C. Firestone Company Board Chairman



Harvey S. Firestone Jr.



Raymond C. Firestone

CHAIRMAN AND HONORARY CHAIRMAN

Raymond C. Firestone, who became chairman of the board of the company May 17, continues as chairman of the executive committee and as chief executive officer.

The board elected him chairman when his brother, Harvey S. Firestone Jr., automatically relinquished the position upon reaching age 68. Following his relinquishing the chairmanship, Harvey S. Firestone Jr. was

elected honorary chairman. He will continue active in the business as a director and as a member of the executive committee.

Harvey S. Firestone Jr. became actively associated with the company in 1920, having been elected a director the year before. He became vice president in 1929 and president in 1941. He is the eldest son of the late Harvey S. Firestone, who founded the company 66 years

ago.

Raymond C. Firestone, born Sept. 6, 1908, is the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Firestone. He joined the company in 1933 in Los Angeles after completing the company's sales-class training.

Subsequently he became commercial salesman, store manager, district store supervisor and assistant manager of the company's southeastern sales zone.

He became Richmond, Va., district manager in 1935 and the following year was assigned to the new Firestone plant at Memphis, Tenn. There, in 1937 he became president of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company of Tennessee.

He was elected a director of the company in 1942 and in 1949 was transferred to Akron as vice president in charge of research and development. In 1954 he was elected executive vice president and was made president of the company three years later.

Since early 1963 he has had the added duties of chief executive officer, and in late 1964 became chairman of the executive committee and chief executive officer when Earl B. Hathaway was elected president.

Company's Top Scout Award To Ronald Kiser

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Life Rank with 20 Merit Badges. Add to this an impressive church and school record and other outstanding achievements in Scouting and you have a resume of the 1966 winner of the Harvey S. Firestone Jr. Award for Scouting excellence at Gastonia.

Gaston county's most outstanding Scout is Ronald Keith Kiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kiser of 1605 Fairfield Drive, Gastonia. He is a member of Troop 35 sponsored by Lutheran Chapel Church. His Scoutmaster is Lee McCarter. Ronald, who attends Grier School, will be 13 June 25.

The Firestone company's highest award for Scouting was announced at the annual Scout

honors dinner in Recreation Center May 31.

Singled out from among 35 nominees for the high honor, Ronald received from J. V. Darwin, projects and planning manager, the coveted Silver Medallion, a Certificate of Merit, a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, and a check for \$17.50 to apply on expenses of a stay at Schiele Scout Reservation, or for purchase of Scouting equipment.

Young Kiser is the 21st Gastonia-area boy to win the Firestone recognition. This is also the 21st year that other Scouts have been honored here.

At the awards dinner, presentation of Kiser's honors was preceded by awards to 34 other Scouts who had qualified for Certificates of Merit. They also received a check for \$17.50 along with their Certificate. They are:

GASTONIA • Troop 9: Charles Keller, Robert Grindle, Mike Jordan. Troop 10: Jimmy Scarborough, Freddy Pilkington, Keith Grindle, David Fri-

day. Troop 20: Johnny Paschall. Troop 21: William Joseph Gravlee. Troop 35: Robert L. Craig, Paul L. Sims, Steve Harris, Steve Lutz. Troop 72: Johnny Mack Norton.

BESSEMER CITY • Troop 37: Steven Lackey, Ricky Lee Davis, Randy Rhyne, David Hook, Donald Carpenter Jr. Troop 54: Danny Gamble. Troop 312: Ronald Deck, Dennis Johnson. Troop 313: John Whitlock, Arthur Allen Jr., Benny Wilson, Larry Spencer.

HARDIN • Troop 34: Mark Robinson.

MOUNT HOLLY • Troop 60:

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