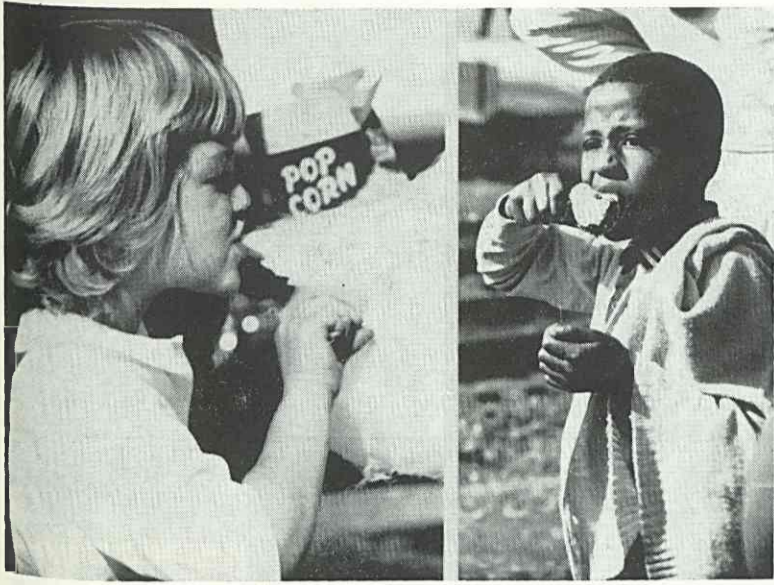


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## NEWS

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a landmark contribution  
to United Fund **\$30,369.21**

A new high mark in Firestone Textiles' response to people's needs and community betterment was reached with the largest gift to the Greater Gastonia United Fund since the United Giving program began here 13 years ago.

A total employee contribution of \$30,369.21 marked an increase of \$4,943.53 over the figure for 1965 which was a record contribution to that time.

When the first United Way campaign was held at the plant in 1953, contributions reached around \$11,000.

This year's figures again placed Firestone at the top of the contributions scale in the community-wide effort to provide \$297,784.84 during the Oct. 10-Nov. 8 campaign.

By pledges, the averaged contribution by payroll deduction was \$20.46, a record figure. Pledge-taking among employees here was completed in time for a report to the UF "kickoff" dinner meeting Oct. 10.

**MONEY** allocated through volunteer giving will go into operation of 29 participating services. The UF area includes Gastonia and immediate vicinity with the community of Lowell added.

This year's UF program president is Francis B. Galligan, operations manager of the Firestone Textiles Co. Campaign chairman was attorney Carl J. Stewart, Jr., whose parents work here. Mr. Stewart is first vice president of the United Fund.

Several other Firestone peo-

ple volunteered for work in key positions of the community-wide campaign. In the plant solicitation, some 30 employees worked in the person-to-person contributions sign-up and in other jobs of the campaign. They volunteered under direction of the UF-drive plant chairmen: P. R. Williams Jr., production manager; and J. G. Tino Jr., plant engineer.

"We deeply appreciate the heart-warming response of our people in this landmark contribution to our 'community way' of giving," said Mr. Williams.

Mr. Tino recalls that through-

out the 13 years of Firestone United Way participation, employee concern and response have steadily mounted as the community and its people's needs have grown. The chairmen added: "Our giving is an unbroken proud tradition. Our 'one gift—one time' in the only fund drive here during the year has again set the pace for Gastonia giving in response to human need."

**The Money At Work** • UF pledges collected during the fall campaign will provide money at work during the coming year, helping people through 29 agencies which provide voluntary health, welfare and character-building services. They are:

American National Red Cross,  
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### Candied apples and cotton candy

November's the hop of a wild rabbit scuttling through dead leaves, wrote Florence Spilger. To most folks it's a "remnant sale of autumn glory" and a round of pleasantries and festive days. These unidentified youngsters, photographed by Firestone News, set the cadence of the season and lead us to some festivals and other special events listed in the travel article on page 4.

### FIRESTONE PEOPLE

## At Textile Exposition

The most advanced machinery, equipment and other products and services for the industry took attention of the more than 35,000 mill people attending the 24th Southern Textile Exposition at Greenville, S. C., Oct. 17-21.

Some 100 men from Firestone Textiles management attended the event, one of the world's largest trade shows. It was held at New Textile Hall adjoining Greenville Downtown Airport.

The latest tools for textiles

production were on parade—from fully-automatic machines and shuttleless looms to the most recent improvement in lubricants and cleaning materials.

The 315,000-sq.-foot hall accommodated almost 600 exhibits from 32 states and 12 foreign countries. It was the largest number of exhibits since the exposition was begun in 1915.

Added were 60,000 square feet of space to the hall for this year's event, and a new 1,000-car parking lot was finished in time for the exposition.

Exhibits, put up every two years at New Textile Hall, feature the latest refinements in equipment, machinery and supplies for manufacture, handling and marketing of fabrics and other textile products.

## Our Plant Listed In C & D Bulletin

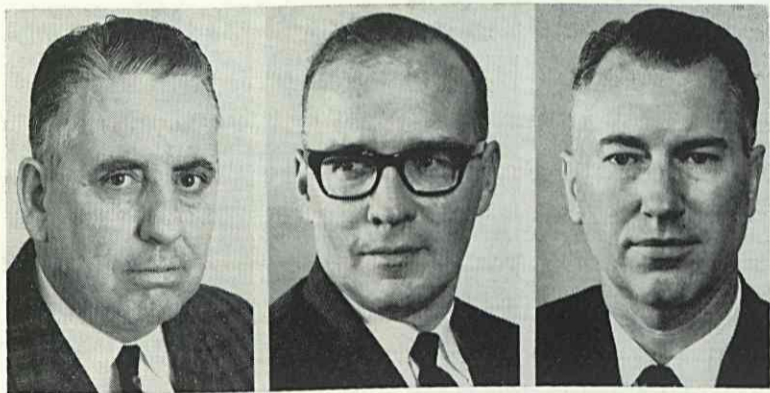
Firestone Textiles at Gastonia shares a list of 183 manufacturing plants and other industrial enterprises in North Carolina offering free guided tours for visitors.

Firms listed in the recently-published Bulletin No. 156 from NC Department Conservation & Development represent 64 North Carolina communities from mountains to coast. The list was prepared by the C & D with cooperation of chambers of commerce and other promotional groups throughout the state.

A number of the NC industries have daily guided tours for individuals, small parties of travelers or organized groups, with no advance arrangements required.

Firestone accommodates individuals and small groups who stop here without previous arrangement. But the industrial relations department prefers that whenever possible, would-be visitors schedule their tour in advance. Advance scheduling is required when larger groups are accommodated.

For employees here interested in visiting other plants, a free copy of Bulletin 156 lists firms where tours are available, and visitor instructions. Write for it to Travel and Promotion Division, Raleigh.



Francis B. Galligan Philip R. Williams Jr. Leonard B. McAbee

## Management Promotions

Francis B. Galligan has been appointed to the newly-created position of operations manager for The Firestone Textiles Company. The division president, Harold Mercer, also announced appointment of two others to top positions on the plant level at Gastonia.

**Succeeding Mr. Galligan was Philip R. Williams Jr., as production manager of the Gastonia plant. Leonard B. McAbee, who has been manager of production scheduling here, moved up to division manager—cotton and synthetics.**

Mr. Galligan's new assignment gives him operations oversight of all five production facilities of The Firestone Textiles Company. Besides Gastonia, they are the plants at Bennettsville, S. C.; Woodstock, Canada; Buenos Aires and Sao

## 1966 'Favorite Carols' Album

Academy-award-winner Julie Andrews is featured on Firestone's 1966 offering "Your Favorite Christmas Carols Volume 5" available this season in company stores and dealer outlets across the country.

The long-play album presents Miss Andrews, star of "Mary Poppins" and "The Sound of Music"; and Andre Previn, World-famous composer, pianist and conductor. Mr. Previn conducts the Firestone Orchestra and Chorus.

The custom-recording collector's item features "The Bells of



Paulo, both in South America.

**HE REPORTS** to J. V. Darwin, general manager of the division, and to Harold Mercer, the president.

Mr. Galligan came to the Gastonia plant from a job as manager at Bennettsville. Here for 18 years, he was superintendent of the cotton division and later of the synthetic division before becoming production manager of the whole plant operation.

Mr. Williams, here since 1955, was assistant manager of the cotton division and later of the synthetics-cotton divisions before his assignment as assistant production manager.

At Firestone in Gastonia for more than 30 years, Mr. McAbee started working as a production employee in twisting and then moved to a series of jobs on the management staff. He had been a section supervisor, a shift foreman in quality control, the plant safety manager, and assistant manager of industrial relations, before appointment as manager of production scheduling.

Christmas." On sale at the special price of \$1 each, the album will be promoted in stores up through Christmas.

For several years the company has made the special album offering as a contribution to good music and the meaningful observance of the Advent season. Each year the albums have featured different artists and arrangements of the time-honored music for Christmas.

The album offering each year is a kind of successor to the company's "Voice of Firestone" traditional Christmas program of a bygone day and the distribution of "Favorite Christmas Carols" books which grew out of that program.

## New Tire Plant For Canada

Firestone's newest tire plant, dedicated last month at Joliette, Quebec, covers 12 acres on a 150-acre site some 35 miles northeast of Montreal.

Tires produced at Joliette are marketed in Quebec and Eastern Canada.

This is the third tire plant for Firestone in Canada, all operated under guidance of T. M. Mayberry, president of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company of Canada, Ltd. Others are at Hamilton and Calgary.

A fourth plant operated by the parent company is Firestone Textiles at Woodstock, Ontario. It is a member of the group belonging to Firestone Textiles Company, with headquarters in Gastonia.

The Joliette plant is Firestone's 94th in 26 foreign countries.