

My favorite season is the time during those last languid summer days which come just before the autumn; and in the day, the hour . . . when the sun lingers before fading with rays of copper-yellow on the gray walls, and of copper-red on the windowpanes.
—Stephen Mallarme

August: Glory Before Frost

August: days of summer green and gold—days of summer on the wane. The sights, scents and sounds this month give your senses a workout, offer you something to keep in memory for a long time.

These days have a sense of urgency about them for those who reap the harvest of a garden. Make the most of your garden treasure, for not many days hence is the time of the first frost.

Aunt Sadie used to say that she wished that beans, cucumbers and tomato plants were half as vigorous and hardy against frost as the weeds in her garden. It brings us to a footnote on that humble subject.

As long ago as the late 1600s, New England colonists were having their weed troubles on land they had plowed from virgin soil. They discovered they had brought the unwanted plants from the Homeland, in

baggage and litter so common to the ships of that time.

Before 1700 New England had a good crop of quack grass, dandelions, sow's thistle, shepherd's purse, knotweeds, chickweeds, groundsel, mullein, dock, plantain and many others. These are with us still and spread all over the country. Not one of them is native to North America.

One authority says that about 60 per cent of our common weeds were unknown to this land before the first colonists arrived.

August Is A Good Time To . . . Renew old acquaintances, cherish some new ones at a family reunion . . . Return to the old home place and gain a fresh appreciation for beginnings. . . Take a hike and enjoy fascination of woods and fields—notice some of the season's trademarks: water flowing quieter in brooks as they begin to deepen, here and there a touch of color on such trees as the buckeye; brown stubble of cotton fields; glory of wild asters by the way-side.

Company to W. Africa Republic

Firestone and the Republic of Ghana have made an agreement for joint operation of a rubber plantation and a new tire factory. The 20,000-acre rubber plantation in Southwest Ghana will be owned by a new company, Ghana Rubber Estates Ltd. Its natural rubber will be available for use within the nation and for export.

The firm to be formed by Firestone and Ghana will produce tires, tubes and retread materials in a plan already under construction at Bonsaso in the Western Region.

Firestone will have a 60 per cent share in Firestone Ghana

Ltd. and Ghana will have ownership of 55 per cent in Ghana Rubber Estates Ltd.

When in full production, the plantations are expected to yield near 21.5 million pounds of processed rubber a year. Together, the two companies are expected to employ 3,800 people.

Earl B. Hathaway, Firestone company president, said: "We at Firestone are looking forward to working with the people of Ghana in the operation of the rubber plantation and the tire factory. The two industries will provide considerable employment and will greatly strengthen the nation's economy."



League Champions

Of the 15 games played in competition, the team sponsored by Optimist Club of Firestone won 13, to earn the championship of the Harold Mercer Little Tar Heel League this summer. The winning team played in games with three other Optimist-sponsored teams and two church-sponsored teams.

In picture—front row, from left: Ricky Caldwell, David Black, Mike Blalock, Mike Stewart, Randy Gillespie, Timmy Blalock,

Ricky Jones. Second, from left; Fred Davis, Mike Lineberger, Eddie Jones, Marshall Craig, Billy Queen, Terry Parker. Third, from left: Steve Clayton, Berry Austin, Bill Queen (coach), Jimmy Dobbins, Marcus Dobbins (coach).

This was the second year of LTH team-coaching for Mr. Dobbins (he works in Firestone weaving — synthetics). The other coach, Bill Queen, works for the local Post Office.

The name of the local LTH league honors Harold Mercer, president of Firestone Textiles Company.

Vacation Northeastward

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Taylor recently spent a week of vacation with their son, Bobby W. Wolfe and family in Cleveland, Ohio. Of the several points of interest along the way, the Taylors visited the Harvey Firestone Memorial and Research Building in Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor traveled to Ohio by jet plane. Joining them there were a son, 2nd-Class Petty Officer Edward D. Taylor and his wife of Charleston, S. C.; a daughter, Mrs. Barney Jiles and daughter Christy of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and a Gastonia neighbor, David Webb, who works here in twisting.



Mr. Taylor, a section supervisor in twisting at Firestone, Gastonia, is also an ordained minister.

• Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and daughter Brenda Jiles visiting the company's research center in Akron.

DIG HERE

Legends and Ghost Gold

It has not caught up with stamp collecting in numbers of devoted followers, but it's one of the more unusual and exciting hobbies. Treasure hunting has loyal followers around the world. In this country there are hundreds of devotee clubs and other groups of THs (treasure hunters) on the local level.

One Firestone family, relating experiences in an old mining camp on an Out-West trip last summer, suggested this piece about treasure hobbying.

AS YOU'D expect on just about any subject, there is a wealth of material on the theme of treasure hunting—Books general and specific, magazines and other periodicals, maps, listings of possible locations of treasures, many more.

Then there are manufacturers and suppliers who make available the materials and equipment needed to do the treasure hunting.

In case you're interested in "reading up" on the subject, as a startoff in the hobby or as just fascinating reading, here are a few major books in the field:

Treasure Hunter's Manual and Encyclopedia of Buried Treasures, both by Karl von Mueller

Dig Here! by Thomas Penfield

Lost Mines and Hidden Treasures by Leland Lovelace

The Treasure of Buccaneer Sea by Harry Reisenberg

The Padre Island Story by Daly and Reisenberg.

Survival of Legends by Roselle Williams Crawford

Ghost Gold by Oren Arnold. Check your library or book dealer.

Of magazines devoted exclusively or in part to treasure hunting, here is a smattering list:

True Treasure Conroe, Texas 77301

TAB 1018 Griggs SE, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Many Smokes (National Indian Magazine), Box 5895, Reno, Nev.

Western Treasures Box 866, Tarzana, Calif.

Goldbug, Dept. T, Box 588, Alamo, Calif. Write for information on subscriptions.

• For a free list of books and maps on treasure-hunting, write Mahan's Treasure Archives, PO Box 726, Garland, Texas 75041.

WHAT'S YOUR HOBBY?

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Throughout the years the United Fund (now United Appeal) campaign among Firestone employees has been the only general money drive at the Gastonia plant.

Year after year, people here have pledged amounts through payroll deduction that have become the leading single contribution from any one industry.

People here last year gave \$32,031.41 to the appeal during the regular October campaign.

As of late July, these were the approved members of the United Appeal:

American Red Cross, Ameri-

can Social Health Association, Boy Scouts of America, Carolinas United Community Service, Cerebral Palsy of Gaston County, Children's Home Society, Dallas Township Recreation, Family Counseling Service, Florence Crittenton Home, Flynn Home.

Gaston Big Brothers, Gaston Boys Club, Gaston County Assn. Retarded Children, Gaston Life-Saving Crew, Gaston Skills, Gaston YMCA, International Social Service, Jr. Optimist Boys Club, Lowell Optimist Boys Club.

Mount Holly Life-Saving Crew, Mount Holly Relief Organization, National Travelers Aid, NC Mental Health Association, National Council-Crime & Delinquency, National Council for the Aging, National Association Hearing & Speech, National Recreation Association, National Social Welfare Assembly, Pioneer Girl Scouts, The Salvation Army, Salvation Army Boys Club, United Services Organization (USO), United Medical Research Foundation.

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