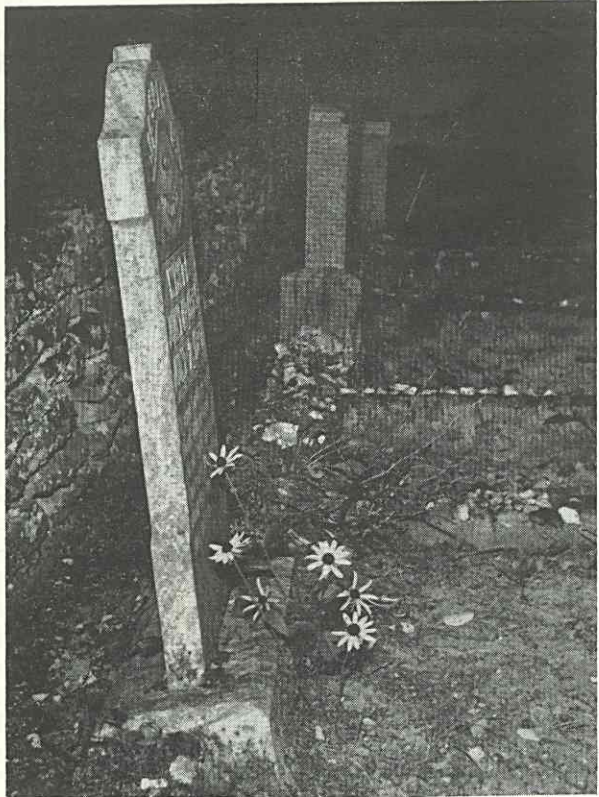


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• Some employees and members of their families who visit Camp Firestone at Bridgewater, like to make the company's Lake James retreat a beginning place for hiking into field and forest of surrounding Blue Ridge countryside. Along a trail or in a forgotten field they may chance upon a mountain graveyard such as this one, with the familiar time-marked memorials to many an erstwhile sojourner. Such gravestones are rich sources for the epitaph collector. (Two here: "She Hath Done What She Could" and "Weep Not For Me, Dear Clem.")

New Production Planning Department And Control

Production Planning and Control, with headquarters at Gastonia, is Firestone Synthetic Fibers and Textiles Company's newest department.

It functions for the efficient scheduling, output and delivery of cord fabric from the company's textile plants at Gastonia, Bowling Green, Ky., and Bennettsville, S. C.; also for the company's synthetic-fabric treating units—two at Gastonia, one in Memphis and another in Akron.

Leonard B. McAbee, with the Gastonia plant for more than 30 years, has been named manager of the new department. Working with him are James L. Ramey and Charles P. McArver. Robert W. Rice, division president, announced the three assignments last month.

CENTRAL function of the newly-created department is programming fabric output at the three textile plants of the division, detailed planning and

follow-through on product flow, and product inventory.

Leonard McAbee, the department manager, came to work at the Gastonia plant almost 32 years ago. He spent nearly 10 years in production jobs, followed by six years in quality control.

From 1951 to 1956 he was the plant director of safety. In July of 1956 he was appointed assistant manager of industrial relations, and remained in that assignment until his transfer to production management in late 1959. He next became assistant manager of the cotton division and worked in that ca-

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GASTONIA
NORTH CAROLINA

Winner Of Firestone Medallion

JOSEPH MARC
McCONNAUGHEY

"A fine young man," said Scoutmaster Tommy Rankin. "An excellent student," added Harry Rogers Jr., principal of W. P. Grier Jr. High School.

They were speaking of Joseph Marc McConnaughey, the 1968 Gaston County winner of the Harvey S. Firestone Jr. Scouting Award.

The 13-year old member of Gastonia Troop 21 is an Eagle Scout. He lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. McConnaughey, at 960 Churchill Drive, Gastonia, N. C. The McConnaugheys are members of First Presbyterian Church.

Joseph became the 23rd boy chosen as Gaston County's most outstanding scout. His award, the highest Firestone makes for Boy Scout achievement, is named for the company's honorary chairman.

Presentation was made at the annual Scout Awards Dinner in Firestone Recreation Center May 29.

The top winner has completed eighth grade at Grier School. During the period in which he was in competition for the Firestone award, he attained 17 merit badges and his Eagle Rank.

He has an excellent church, school, and Scout record. As his project for the Firestone competition, Joseph did a mile swim, and served as den chief.

Besides Joseph's recognition, 34 other Boy Scouts from six Gaston communities were each awarded a Certificate of Merit and a gift check, in recognition of outstanding achievement. The check is suggested for expenses

toward a summer stay at Schiele Scout Reservation near Tryon, or for scouting equipment of the recipient's choice.

John V. Darwin, plant manager, presented Joseph the Silver Medallion symbol of the Firestone award, a Certificate

of Merit, a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, and a check for expenses at Schiele Reservation, or for scouting equipment.

For Merit—34 More • In addition to the Certificate of Merit awarded as part of Joseph's

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• Along with prized Silver Medallion, plant manager John V. Darwin presented Scout McConnaughey a letter of congratulations from Robert W. Rice, division president.

Firestone News In 17th Year

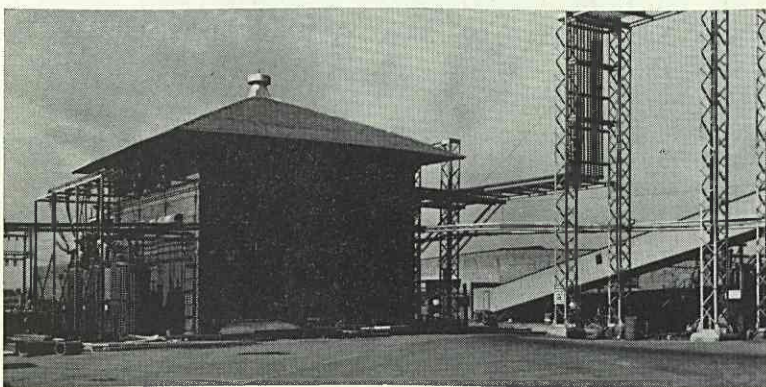
Firestone News of Gastonia marked its 16th anniversary of publication last month. Initial issue of the plant employee publication was dated May 5, 1952.

Firestone News' first editor was Robert H. Hood. Claude Callaway has been editor since 1954.

Since 1955, Firestone News has received several awards from South Atlantic Council of Industrial Editors. With other

Firestone employee publications it has shared in Freedom's Foundation awards for "contribution to the American Way of Life." Once the National Wildlife Federation cited Firestone News for promotion of natural-resources conservation.

In recent months the Gastonia plant paper began including some material from the company's textile operation at Bennettsville, S. C.



Above: The 52-year-old building with mansard roof of slate, and walls with high porches, was in service right up to April 28 this year. Wire and cable supports at right were also taken down when station was demolished. This last photo of building was made just before fabric-treating tower was erected on reservoir site.

A LANDMARK GONE AND NOW . . .

New Lines of POWER

Age yielded to progress when the old electric station near the plant east gate was toppled into history last month. Its going recalled the day when it became a link to the closing age of steam power at old Loray Mill, as the plant was originally named.

Plant engineer J. G. Tino Jr. dates the station back to around 1916, when steam "muscle" was retired and wheels of production were hitched to electric current. At that historic turning point, Duke Power Company—in business a while



Right: Workmen cleared brick and rubble, while others were busy at constructing new outdoor electric station (portion at left in picture). This one, at site of old welding shop, will have greater capacity than its predecessor. New installation will be teamed with existing station off Vance Street.

before that—brought in the energy supply at 44,000 volts. The station's huge transformers "tamed" the power to 600 volts to be further "tailored" according to need throughout the plant.

Generous With Blood

Add names of ten more Firestone people to the list of those who have donated one, two and three gallons of blood through the local unit of American Red Cross.

Donors honored at a late-May dinner meeting are (one gallon) Pauline H. Stroupe, Mason King, Eula H. Dunlevy; (two gallons) James Burr; (three gallons) Ben T. Hanna, Ralph Dalton, Alfred C. Kessell, Horace R. Hughes, Fred Davis, James O. Thomas.