

Lineberger 'Frills 'n Frolic'

Helping to plan and participation in the third annual Festival in the Park is the next major project of Variety Garden Club of Firestone.

The Festival, to be staged in Gastonia's Lineberger Park on Saturday, May 2, will feature a variety of "frills and frolic." All clubs that compose the Gastonia Council of Garden Clubs take part in the Lineberger event each year.

Proceeds from sales of refreshments, handicrafts and other items go for beautification projects throughout the city. This year's chairman of the Variety Club's participation is Mrs. Fred Morrow Sr.

THE FESTIVAL begins at 11 a.m. and continues throughout the afternoon of May 2. Since

the date is close to Mayday, entertainment programming will be geared to that theme.

Announcement of the Festival program was made at the March club meeting in Firestone Recreation Center. At the meeting, the 1970-71 club officers began duties, following their installation by Earle Brockman, retired director of the Gastonia District Employment Security Commission. Mrs. Brockman is a member of the Variety Club.

Installing the officers, Brockman reminded club members that—in the words of a poem—"Whoever plants a garden, never works alone. . ."

Besides involvement in the annual Festival at Lineberger, the Firestone-sponsored Variety Garden Club has several continuing projects.

PROJECT OF VARIETY GARDEN CLUB

Among these are the Oriental Garden and other streetside plantings on Franklin Avenue in front of the Firestone plant, flower-planting at NC Orthopedic Hospital, projects with handicapped children and with senior citizens; and continuing shared sponsorship of three outstanding North Carolina public gardens: Elizabethan Gardens on Roanoke Island, The Martha Franck Fragrance Garden at Butner, and Daniel Boone Native Garden at Boone.

STILL ANOTHER continuing project of the club is emphasis on land and wildlife conservation, litter and pollution control. Variety Club won first place in exhibits at the 1969 Spindle Center Agricultural Fair for its layout on birds conservation and making homes "for our feathered friends."

As a new project this season, each of the club's 27 members will undertake to plant and cultivate at least one tree, shrub or horticultural plant which the member has never grown before.

Also on the schedule of club events are the annual field trips which members take to points of interest. Major trips already decided for the summer are to Elizabethan Gardens at Manteo, and Pisgah National Forest in Transylvania and adjoining counties in Western N.C.

• Mrs. Carl Stowe Sr., retired Firestone plant hostess, received Variety Garden Club president's gavel from Earle Brockman, who installed 1970-71 club officers. Mrs. Stowe, a charter member of the club, served as president for the 1963-64 term.



• Mrs. Tom Mathis (center left), outgoing Variety Garden Club president and now vice president, called attention to lapel pin worn by Mrs. Stowe, new president. It denoted her Honorary Life Membership since 1966. Other current officers (from left): Mrs. H. A. Cauthen, chaplain; Mrs. Furman Hayes, secretary; Mrs. Lewis Moss, treasurer.

Mrs. Stowe is only member of club ever elected to Life Membership. Mrs. Mathis was presented two camellia plants as token of appreciation for her leadership as 1968-69 president.

THE WEATHER An Old Southern Superstition

• If dandelions bloom in April—expect a hot, wet July.

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APRIL Set The Clock

• The poets used to pen lines about "April whispering this to me . . ." But in a multiplied million ways, April shouts loudly of her 30 days of unexcelled glory—of Springtime's coming into fulness, new life, dazzling charms and all.

Our "April 30 Days" segment of the year came down from the ancients, with the Old French Calendar merging April into the last part of Germinal (Bud) Month, and into the first part of Floreal (Flower) Month.

The oldest still-alive tradition this month is April Fools Day, or All Fools Day. Its true origin is obscured by the passing centuries, but All Fools Day is believed to have "caught on" with ancient celebrations and festivals associated with the vernal equinox, or new-life season.

These days, April is also associated with Clean-Fix-Paint-Up time, the deadline filing date for income tax (15th), and

the switch to Daylight Standard Time. Not long ago it was called "Saving" Time—for what reason we know not, as it's all a matter of getting started an hour early.

DST begins at 2 a.m., April 26. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 provides that standard time in each zone be advanced one hour from 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in April until 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October.

Newest special date on the April calendar is Earth Day (22nd). It may well prove to be the greatest observance of all—for it has to do with survival.

On April 22 the full force of mass media will promote a nationwide program of getting people involved to rid the environment of pollution and other abuses that threaten man's life. On that day, thousands of communities throughout the land will entertain study-group meetings of concerned citizens who want to make Earth Day an approach to survival.



Three Candy Merchants

• Jeffrey Ramsey and Wayne Moore (left and center) laid aside their jackets for a session of candy sales in March, while helper Sherry Hutchins reckoned she'd stick with coat and gloves.

The youngsters, students at Abernethy School, were photo-

graphed in front of the Firestone plant. Their sales effort was a part of "Operation Candy Sell" which was a project of Abernethy PTA.

Jeffrey's father, M. L. Ramsey, is in Firestone's recreation department. Jeffrey's sister, Linda (Mrs. David) Sudduth, works in the cloth room. Sherry's grandmother, Annie (Mrs. Dillard) Bradshaw, works in weaving-TC.

'Backwinding'

• Miniskirts To Stay? According to a recent survey, 89 per cent of respondents quizzed believed that the female hemline should be lowered.

Recently the Dartnell Corporation's publication "From Nine to Five" for business girls, had an article resulting from Dartnell's survey in which readers' votes were sought on their favorite skirt length. Hundreds of men and women responded.

One point the article made from the survey: American businesswomen do not like short skirts. With entire offices polled in many instances, the predominant choice for milady's skirt length is that of 1963 (length that stops at mid-knee).

Second in popularity is 1957's just-below-the-knee length. The above-the-knee length of 1966 comes in for a week third choice. The in-between length of 1946 is the fourth popular choice. Hemline with slightest appeal is the mid-calf length of 1954. Added the article: "Rumor has it that a year from now we'll be back again to 1954."

Remember . . .

• When a man went fishing only when it was too wet to plow? And the very thought of going fishing on Sunday was considered sacrilege?

Mrs. Baber

Dorothy (Mrs. Yates L.) Baber died March 22. She had worked 24 years in twisting-TC and respooling at the Gastonia Firestone plant.

Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park, following a tribute service in Carothers Chapel. Besides her husband, she is survived by her father, Paul Harper of Clover, S.C.; brothers, Kenneth, Clifford and Reginald Harper all of Clover; sisters, Mrs. Lois Alexander of Clover, Mrs. Margaret Love of Belmont, Mrs. Edith Grier of Charlotte.

result of a fall from a horse in early March. He was buried in Gaston Memorial Park.

Jones, a Firestone employee of several years, was a supervisor in the nylon unit.

Besides his mother, Mrs. Daisy G. Jones, he is survived by his wife, Patricia Bradley Jones; three children, Bobby Lee Jr., Steven and Millisa, all of the home, sisters, Mrs. Doris Garrigan of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Mavis High of Statesville.

Bobby Jones

Honorary pallbearers were second-shift employees of the Gastonia Firestone nylon-treating unit at the funeral of Bobby Lee Jones 39, who died as the

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