

They Played Good Ball



• The Firestone 1970 ball team won the Harold Mercer Little Tar Heel League season championship with a 14-1 record. Players (front row, from left): Tim Lovin, Greg Alger, Mike Blalock, Joey Mangan and Bob Stafford. Second row: Richard Cox, James Parks, Duke Perry, Billy Stafford and Kevin Prescott (mascot). Back row: Head coach Walter Prescott, batboy Curtis Brooks, Johnny Stokes, Bill Moser, Sonny Huffstetler and assistant coach Max Stafford.

Five members of the team—Blalock, Parks, Perry, Billy Stafford and Huffstetler—made the Western Division All-Star team. This All-Star team went on to take the District 2 championship, but lost to Wilmington, 8-2, in the State finals. The Harold Mercer Little Tar Heel League honors the name of the late Harold Mercer, Firestone company official and lover of youth.

H. S. Baucom: 'Let's Tamper With Fate'

"Whaddya mean — 'saving lives through safety programs'? Don't you know that everybody's days are numbered, that you don't tamper with fate?"

H. S. Baucom, speaking to Firestone supervisors at a Gastonia safety meeting in August, recalled this as part of a conversation he once had with a man at Newton.

In Memoriam

Roscoe Westmoreland, 69, was buried in Westview Gardens, following a memorial service in Beech Avenue Baptist Church of Gastonia, Aug. 4. He was a retired employee of the Gastonia Firestone plant.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Curtis Parson Westmoreland; sons Blair and Barber Joe Westmoreland; daughters Mrs. Jessie Lee Ammons and Mrs. Peggy Johnson of Gastonia; brothers Boyd and Jim Westmoreland of Lula, Ga.; sisters Mrs. Callie Carpenter and Mrs. Lula Pritchett of Lula, Ga.; Mrs. Bonnie Mealer and Mrs. Dorothy Mealer of Madison, Ga.; also three grandchildren.

Funeral in Gastonia for Anthony W. Holden on Aug. 19 was followed by a graveside memorial at Murphy, N. C. Mr. Holden, 77, retired from Firestone at the Gastonia plant around 12 years ago.

Surviving are five daughters: Mrs. Corbit Nicholson of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Otis Parr of Ranlo, Miss Estev Holden of Gastonia, Miss Jean Holden of New York, and Mrs. Geneva Gouge of Baltimore, Md.; two sons: Harold Holden of Greensboro and Carrol Holden of Gastonia; also 10 grandchildren.

Carrol is employed at Firestone in twisting-TC; his sister, Estev, in weaving-TC.

The safety director of the North Carolina Industrial Commission re-cast his answer:

"I believe that when The Creator endowed people with intelligence and freedom of choice, He made it possible for man to be the master of his own destiny to a great extent, and an influence over the destiny of others.

"That's why a person is able to learn and practice how to foil the dangers of living. Often, he can steer clear of pain and woe, making the best of his days allotted, ere that 'inevitable time comes'."

At Firestone, the NCIC safety director called for "a renewal of effort in the cause of injury control—involvement in a great cause."

"I like to call it 'injury control' rather than 'safety' because 'safety' has become overworked and stripped of impact. In 'injury control' the suggestion of pain and loss is more apt to make you aware of the seriousness," he believes.

People and their wellbeing are of major concern, he said, although millions of dollars are involved because of the failure of injury control.

Baucom cited North Carolina figures from a recent 12-month period: 180,000 reported injuries of which 192 were fatalities.

"And what can you do?" he went on, noting: A recent study in one industry revealed that on the average, one person has direct influence over 60 per-

sons within "his sphere."

"What an opportunity for you to be involved in promoting safe living at home, at work or wherever you go," he said.

Referring to the National Safety Council's current program "Rebirth of Progress in Injury Control", Baucom quoted NSC President Howard Pyle:

"A major reason why there has been no appreciable advance in injury control in the U.S. over the past 10 years, is simply the failure of people's will."

"That involves motivation, and motivation comes in many forms," Baucom added. To illustrate, he told of one mother—enticed by a barbecue dinner—who learned a resuscitation method at a safety meeting that followed. Sometime later she was able to save the life of her own son.

Let The Anniversary Deepen Our Gratitude

Would Fort McHenry survive the long, perilous night? They would not know until "the dawn's early light" showed them that "the Flag was still there."

A young attorney, Francis Scott Key stood on the deck of a ship and watched the British bombardment of Baltimore on the night of Sept. 13, 156 years ago. He and others anxiously waited for the "bombs bursting in air" to cease with a new dawn.

Out of the battle near the close of the War of 1812, Key jotted on a scrap of paper the words of "The Star-Spangled Banner". Ironically, the words were set to music of

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• September is Autumn on our doorstep. Stars bend closer to Earth now, with Summer's last full moon already past. Darkness descends earlier, and on clear nights you feel a threat of frost. Summer officially yields to Autumn this month.



The Harvest is on. The green on the land is soon to go. Look close, and there in the maple branches is a promise of gold and crimson. It is a good time to be thankful that we live in a land of seasonal change.

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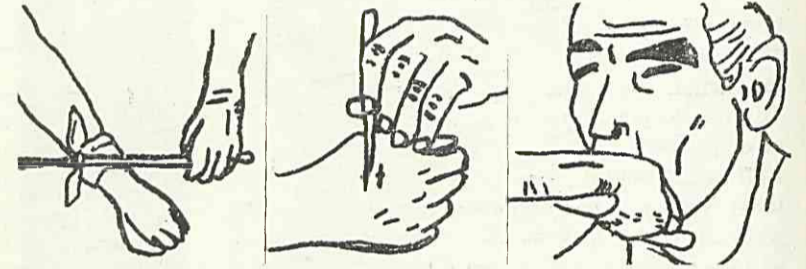
Sept. 17 is observed as Constitution Day. On that date in 1787 a majority of the qualified delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the great document by which the United States is governed. On Sept. 19, 1787, the Constitution was first printed in a newspaper, The Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser of Philadelphia. Since

its adoption, 21 amendments have been added to the Constitution.

On Sept. 9, 1776, the Continental Congress made official "United States of America."

George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol, Sept. 18, 1793.

Sept. 2, 1945: VJ Day and end of World War II.



1: Apply Tourniquet. 2: Make Single Incision Through Fang Mark. 3: Suck Out Poison.

• Danger of snakebite is greatest Spring-through-Autumn Down South. Steve Stanton of Gastonia methods and time study department made these sketches for a first-aid project during his active-duty stay in the SC National Guard at Camp Blanding, Fla., last month.

Since a principle is a principle wherever you go, Steve contributes these drawings toward your safe living off the job, in case you encounter a poisonous crawler before cold weather drives the reptiles "out of season."

Scholarship

lege scholarships.

The grants are worth up to \$1,750 per school year toward tuition, fees, required textbooks and up to two-thirds of room-board expenses during the four years of college.

Scholarships are renewable each year on the basis of the student's acceptable performance. Recipients may attend any accredited college or university in the United States and pursue any desired course leading to a degree.

an old British song, "To Anacreon in Heaven."

The stirring piece immediately became popular. Soon the Army and Navy established a tradition of using it as the National Anthem.

Strangely, though, it was not designated The National Anthem until 1916, and it was not until 1931 that Congress officially deemed it as such.

This another anniversary of the composing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" — its words inspired by valor—is a forceful reminder to Americans that we need to renew our appreciation for our Homeland.

May the anniversary of Sept. 14 deepen our gratitude for the liberties, opportunities and obligations of citizenship which are ours in this "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

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