



• Redona testing tire-fabric material in the laboratory at Bennettsville.

From Schoolteaching To Laboratory

Redona J. David has worked at Firestone's Bennettsville plant since late 1967. A clerk in the Laboratory, Redona has had 15 years teaching in public schools of Williamsburg, Darlington and Marlboro counties. She has a BA degree from Allen University, Columbia.

When not working at Firestone, she devotes some time to her favorite hobbies—playing softball and baseball, swimming and making music on the organ.

A member of Independent Lodge #8, she holds the office of secretary. She is a member and secretary of Dyers Hill Methodist Church.

Redona lives on Bostic Street in Bennettsville. She is the mother of four daughters: Gloria, Doris, Pamela and Brenda. Gloria



recently graduated from Durham Business College in business administration.

Little To Big

Waste in materials of production — if uncontrolled — could put a company out of

In 1972 the Gastonia Firestone plant alone spent more than \$89,000 for ring travelers. People who are directly concerned with costs at this plant say that some \$30,000 of that \$89,000 expenditure was lost through unnecessary waste.

The picture here? One ring traveler and a handful of "half-brothers"—small nylon items vital to the stop-motion control on twister frames. The collection was photographed on the parking lot pavement recently. Someone thoughtlessly emptied a pocket before leaving for home after a shift at work. Multiply this instance and you get some idea of the accrued waste involved.

business. "Big things" such as a twister frame which costs now around \$25,000, are readily noticeable. But there are "little things" so commonplace that they may be overlooked. Take, for example, travelers.

Plant Visitor

Neel Dillard visited the Firestone plant while he, his wife Kay and their daughter Felischa were in Gastonia last month. Their stop in Gastonia was part

of vacation travel in Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas, then back home to Kentucky. Highlights of their trip were stops at Six Flags near Atlanta; and Disney World, Orlando. Neel is maintenance foreman at Firestone Textiles, Bowling Green.

Service Years

Sampson Barkus was presented his lapel pin symbolizing the five years of service which he had as of June 26 this year. Sampson works in Ply Twisting department, Bennettsville.

Art, Wagon Train, Flatboat Race

FOR FUN & ADVENTURE

•• August's here again, with her treasures of fine things in another Golden Season. Down South it means late-summer festivals, early community and state fairs and many more seasonal events, not to mention the scenery along the way to where it's all taking place.

In August and early September, the going's great. And to help with your more meaningful travel overnight, weekends or longer trips on vacation—these travel notes, with emphasis on things in the Carolinas and Kentucky.

NC: Trail Rides, Fiddlin' & Several Festivals • Among outstanding August events in this state are the NC Apple Festival at Hendersonville, Aug. 25-Sept. 3; Mountain Crafts Fair at Fontana, 27-Sept. 1; and Original Bluegrass Festival at Reidsville, 31-Sept. 2. Other Bluegrass festivals this month at Spruce Pine, 24-26; Kings Mountain, 31-Sept. 3.

Other August events: Fiddler's Contest at Pinnacle, 25; Outdoor Art, Blowing Rock, 25; Rock Swap, Nantahala Gorge, 25-26; Gun Show, Asheville, 25-26; Reedy Creek Wagon Train, 25-26.

Early Sept. in NC: Asheboro's Wagon Train, Sept. 1-2; Bluegrass Festival at Camp Springs, 1-3. NC outdoor drama and season's closing dates: From This Day Forward, Valdese, Aug. 19; Lost Colony, Manteo, Aug. 25; Unto These Hills, Cherokee, Aug. 28; Horn in the West, Boone, Sept. 1.

SC: A Fair, A Regatta & Hillbilly Day • Among major SC events this month are the Upper SC State Fair at Greenville, 30-Sept. 8; Grape Festival at York, 17-18; Foothills Arts & Crafts Festival, Pendleton, 18-19.

Other August "doings": Blacksburg Rodeo, 17-18; Southern 500 Golf Tournament, Darlington, 23-26. And in early Sept.: Southern 500 Parade, Darlington, Sept. 1; Sunfish Regatta, Beaufort, 1-2; Labor Day Air Show, Santee, 1-2; Southern 500 race, Darlington, 3; Hillbilly Day, Salem, 3;

Charleston's Labor Day Celebration, 3; SC Apple Festival, Westminster, 7-9; Squaredance, Myrtle Beach, 14-15.

Ky.: A Spinning Bee, All-Day Sing and a Flatboat Race • Fulton has its International Banana Festival, Aug. 15-18, and the Little Loomhouse in Louisville offers a Spinning Bee, 18; while Presburg stages Kentucky Highland Festival, 31-Sept. 2.

Renfro Valley's Rodeo is Aug. 24-26; Windy Hollow Jamboree Saturdays in Owensburg, year-round; Renfro Valley All-Day Sing, 23. More: Bluegrass Steam, Gas Engine and Antique-Car Show, Harrodsburg, Aug. 18-19; Gun Show at Paris, 18-19; Flatboat Race on the Ohio, Henderson to Owensboro, 23-26; National Open Horseshoe Tourney, Lexington, 18-19.

Ky. outdoor drama and season's closing dates. Stephen Foster Story, Bardstown, Sept. 2; Legend of Daniel Boone, Harrodsburg, Aug. 26; Wilderness Road, Berea, Sept. 2; Book of Job, Pineville, Sept. 1; Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come, Van, Sept. 2.

Ky. Fairs last half of Aug.: State Fair, Louisville, 16-25; Brodhead, 12-18; Hartford, 15-18; Frenchburg, 21-25; Calhoun, 22-29; Williamsburg, 29-Sept. 1; Mt. Sterling, 27-Sept. 1; Alexandria, 31-Sept. 3; Leitchfield, 31-Sept. 4.

Some Events in Other States • Fla.: Commemoration of founding America's oldest city, St. Augustine, Aug. 15-18. Ga.: "Our Friends the Enemy" pageant, Fitzgerald, 17-18; drama "Drum-beats in Georgia," Jekyll Island, through Sept. 3. La.: Shrimp Festival at Delcambre, 16-19. Va.: Surfing Championship, Virginia Beach, 25-26; W.Va.: Arts & Crafts Festival at Beckley, 25-26.

Early Sept. in other states: Ohio; Johnny Appleseed Days, Lisbon, 13-15; Texas: Fiesta de Flores, El Paso, 1-3; Texas Folklife Festival, San Antonio, 6-9.

SC: Colorful Names

Promised Land. Sound appealing? It's not the renowned place which Moses saw from the mountain, nor is it the eternal abode "Beyond the River" of this earthly life.

It's a little community in South Carolina, and an example of many intriguing place names in the Palmetto State.

Of these others, for instance, there is Prettyman's Mill. And Level Land, Round O, Nine Times, Old House, Six Mile, Strawberry and Yauhannah.

•• August: Soul of abundance in another growing season on its way to richer maturity. Sunny drowsy days . . . joe-pye weed dotting the meadow purple. Here and there, a dogwood leaf turning red—certain signal that another Autumn is coming down the valley.

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Mattie Styers

Mrs. Mattie Styers McCann, 74, retired from Firestone of Gastonia, died recently. Funeral was at Temple Baptist Church and burial in Hollywood Cemetery.

Surviving are a sister, Miss Marguerite Styers, secretary in the division personnel office at Firestone; brothers J. B. Styers and J. Maynard Styers.

What If I Should Go?

I AM • Please take good care of me. Perhaps YOUR JOB you don't think much of me at times, but if you should wake up some morning and find me gone, you would start the day with an uneasy feeling.

From me you get food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities. Extra or 'luxury' things too. Considering the fact that you need me for many things, I wonder that you neglect me as you do at times.

What if I should slip away from you? What happiness would go along with me? Your folks at home would worry, and your bank account would dwindle. You would be forced to forego many things that make life most pleasant. Your clothes would look shabby, your courage would weaken, your dash would depart. You would feel beaten.

So after all, I am very important to you. Cherish me. Take good care of me and I will take good care of you.

I am your job.

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