

\$17,972.60 To UGF

The annual United Givers Fund campaign at Firestone, Bowling Green, in October reported employee and company pledges totaling \$17,972.60.

Several production shifts had 100 percent participation, as did Quality Control, Storeroom and Salaried employees.

Award winners in the promotion prize drawing were Murrel Hockenbury, Neel Dillard, Miles Hines, Nellie Woodcock, Ernest Bennett, Eddie Houchens, Ricky Carroll, Roger Beckham and Wilton Gillock.

The Bowling Green-Warren County UGF supports 11 community services. Ralph King, Firestone plant manager, is this year's UGF president.

Target for 1973 campaign is \$170,000. As of late October, Firestone pledges represented the largest contribution in the campaign.

Almanac

County, regional and state fairs—most or all of them are history for 1973. This autumn, hundreds of Firestone Textiles Company people had fun participating in and just attending fairs in the Carolinas and Kentucky mainly. They spent money.

And so, a remnant of Americana lingers on in the fair as an institution.

Maybe the current yearning for "the Good Ol' Days" helped to make the country's 2,150 county fairs this year more popular than ever. Figures aren't available for the 1973 attendance.

IN 1972, more than 70 million visitors—about one-third of the nation's population—attended fairs to see home economics exhibits, farm animals, farm machinery and equipment, revived pioneer arts and crafts, and the gaudy lure of the midway.

Most county fairs run for a week or ten days from August through October, when the 'harvest is got in.' People who "come to the fair" are not country folks "by a long shot." Two-

thirds of the American population is crowded onto two percent of the land area, and these city-dwellers now and then get a heart-tug for a touch of the land where all our roots grew to begin with.

City people spent \$200 million looking for a "touch of country" at fairs in 1972—maybe more than that this year.

Racing Film

Circulating

"Generations in Speed", the 1973 Indianapolis 500 race film, is available on loan through the Firestone Public Relations department.

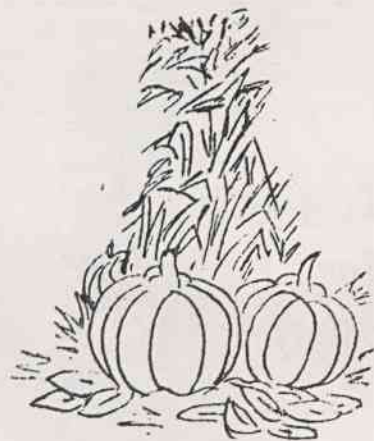
The latest "500" film is a 16mm color-sound production which runs around 25 minutes. It is available for showing to school groups, churches, service clubs, etc.

Reservations for loan of "Generations in Speed" may be made through the personnel department of any of the three plants of Firestone Textiles Company—Gastonia, Bennettsville and Bowling Green.

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Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace, the celebration of work and the simple life . . . a true folk-festival that speaks the poetry of the turn of the seasons, the beauty of seedtime and harvest, the ripe product of the year—and the deep, deep connection of all these things with God.

• Ray Stannard Baker
(David Grayson)



The first Thanksgiving that became an established part of our heritage was held in December of 1621, when Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony appointed a time of grateful dedication and celebration.

After that, occasional feasts were held until 1863, when Thanksgiving Day finally became a nationwide observance. President Lincoln issued the first proclamation.

Today the occasion is still a time for giving thanks with reverent prayers, and enjoying the colorful atmosphere of the "harvest got in", as Gov. Bradford wrote of that first Thanksgiving.

This year is the 352nd anniversary of that historic occasion at Plymouth, Mass. The town has its commemorative celebration Nov. 22 this year. Then Plymouth opens its doors to visitors to tour the historic homes. Many residents serve cider and doughnuts to those who stop by.

Nearby Plymouth (Plimoth) Plantation is a replica of the settlement as it looked in 1627. Costumed attendants take visitors on tours of homes and shops.

On BG Staff

• Domingo Tay See Jr. recently joined the engineering staff at the Firestone Bowling Green plant. Domingo earned a BSEE degree at Cebu Institute of Technology, Cebu City, Philippines; and the MSEE degree from Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta.

His area of concentration was networks and electro-magnetics.

At Bowling Green, Domingo is in charge of general plant electronic equipment and machinery, such as the dielectric heating control house of Treating Unit No. 1, which went into production in October.

Domingo's brother, Francisco See, also a Georgia Tech graduate, is with Firestone's engineering department at the company headquarters in Akron, Ohio.

WHEN NOT working at his specialty for Firestone, Domingo likes to build radio-controlled model airplanes. In 1964 he placed



second in national competition for aerobatic-controlled model aircraft, the trials held in Manila.

Some of Domingo's other serious interests: Building electronic gadgetry, listening to good music, and being a stereo and quad-phonics buff.

Long Service

GASTONIA

•• Two men with 35-year service records led the Gastonia long-time employees list for October. They are Arthur H. Robinson, TC Weaving; and Gentry V. Tindall, Shop.

While these marked work anniversaries, 16 others at Gastonia had records of from 5 to 30 years.

Thirty Years • Hazel R. Foy, TC Twisting; Era G. Gribble, TC Weaving.

Twenty-Five Years

• Bessie G. Foster, Preparation; Banna L. Booth, TC Twisting.

Twenty Years

• Andrew Hinson, TC Weaving.

Fifteen Years

• Melvin Sikes, TC Twisting; William E. Tomberlin and Charles W. May, TC Weaving; Lucille G. Callahan, Chafer Weaving.

Ten Years

• Billy E. Froneberger, TC Twisting; Shirley O. Walker, TC Weaving; Ralph H. Kale, Chafer Weaving.

Five Years

• Virginia O. Carpenter, TC Twisting; Virginia H. Roberts, Chafer Weaving; Robert A. Wentz and James G. Swanson, Shop.

As you live and breathe!



Give to Christmas Seals

FOR FUN & ADVENTURE

November's days—crisp and still colorful with the last swatches of Autumn splendor—offer some of the best for "going places," especially in Firestone Textiles Company's "three States"—the Carolinas and Kentucky.

Take time to travel some while there is scenic variety, special places to visit and seasonal events to enjoy and "get involved in."

North Carolina's big event this month is the Carolinas Carrousel with its parade in Charlotte, Nov. 22.

NC: Fiddling and Fishing • The Carolinas Holiday Festival at Hamlet is Nov. 17. Plenty of folk-art is offered in fiddling, "picking and singing", and dancing at these NC locations: Cool Springs, Nov. 17; Terrell, 22; Courteney, 24.

Among other happenings: Roundup and Fishing Contest on Topsail Island, Nov. 24; Old Salem Moravian Candle Tea, Winston-Salem, 29-Dec. 1; Car Show, Winston-Salem, 29-Dec. 2. Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill offers the 25th annual "Star of Bethlehem", Nov. 20-Jan. 7. Some NC events, early Dec.: Craftsmen Fair, Raleigh, 12; Square and Round Dance Festival, Shelby, 7-8; Old Salem Christmas 1800, Winston-Salem, 11.

SC: Fiestas, Holidays and Chitlins • Salley hosts one of the State's most-publicized events, Nov. 24: The Chitlin Strut. Besides chitlins, barbecue and chicken, there are country music and dancing.

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Other Nov. events: Antiques Show, Florence, 16-18; Thanksgiving Fiesta, Myrtle Beach, 17-25; SC Bluegrass Festival (also Myrtle Beach), 23-25. And more: Thanksgiving Day Observance, Charleston, 22; Santa Parade, Spartanburg, 23; Carolina Carillon, Columbia, 26-27; Christmas Parade, Beaufort, 28; Miss Merry Christmas Festival, Kingstree, 30-Dec. 1; Holiday Fair, Greenville, 30-Dec. 1.

Early Dec. in SC: Christmas Parades at West Columbia-Cayce, Dec. 1; Kershaw, 3; Batesburg-Leesburg, 5. Holiday Festival, Myrtle Beach, Dec. 1-Jan. 1; Williamston Christmas Park, 3-27.

Ky.: Parades, Drama, Crafts • Some Nov. Christmas parades: Glasgow, Lebanon and Somerset, 23; Louisville, 24; Frankfort and Paris, 26.

The Little Loomhouse in Louisville is open year-round, daily (afternoons), inviting you to browse and learn to weave. J. B. Speed Art Museum in Louisville offers "American Drawings", Nov. 13-Dec. 30.

Kentucky/Artists Craftsmen exhibit at Russellville runs through Nov. 30. Louisville's Recreation Vehicle Show is Nov. 24-30. Other events: Bluegrass Artists Exhibit, Lexington, 30-Dec. 1; Thoroughbred racing on Saturdays at Churchill Downs through Nov. 24.

Other States—Nov. and Early Dec. • Ga.: Thanksgiving Celebration, Sea Island, 21-25; Christmas parade in Savannah, 23 and Swainsboro, 29. Christmas Festival, Atlanta, 30, Va.: Colonial Weekends at Williamsburg, 30-Dec. 2. Traditional Christmas House, Big Stone Gap, Dec. 8-9.

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