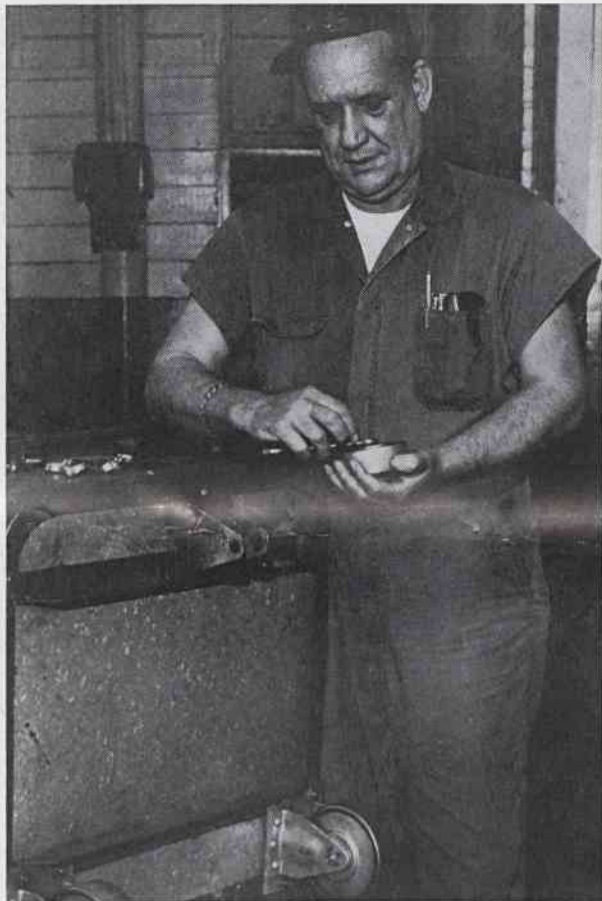


To Fix A Box

• Duard Rabb's work is an example of a service which might go unnoticed, yet is vitally supportive to the whole operation of producing tire fabric as an end product.



Duard Rabb's job title at Gastonia: Carpenter (Shop). But that tells very little of the story of the things he "fixes up." He repairs all wheeled equipment in the factory, shop, offices and warehouses, except fork lift trucks and hoists.

ROLLING package-hauling boxes from ply and cable twisting operations are the major pieces which Rabb keeps in good repair. But there are many other things, such as hand trucks and dollies, office chairs, supply and electrical items, and sanitation equipment—even caster-equipped mop buckets.

In his "fixit" corner near the

machine shop, Rabb restores to efficient working order an average of 12 pieces of equipment a day.

Employed at the Gastonia plant for almost 32 years, he worked 15 years in Spinning in the days when the plant "worked" cotton.

BEFORE going on his current job, he worked in several other assignments in the Shop-mechanical department.

In repairing the many pieces of equipment, Rabb replaces wheels and other parts, patches dents and cracks, and does away with sharp edges that become safety hazards.

Generous Industry

America's textiles leads all other industries in giving to philanthropic causes, as shown by a recent survey of the Conference Board in New York.

Ten representative textile firms were asked to list their contributions in a survey of 433 firms in varying sizes and industrial classifications. Findings showed that the textile companies gave \$8,122,000, or 4.1 percent of their net income before taxes.

The textile rate of giving in 1968, when it was also the nation's industrial leader in contributing to community causes, was 1.5 percent of income before taxes.

Next-highest to textiles in rate of giving were the primary metals industry, followed by the clay and glass industries, then paper products.

The Conference Board is an independent, non-profit business research organization which conducts research in the fields of business economics and business management.

Mule Trader Brought A Name

Bowling Green, Ky., and S.C. There are six other towns and communities of the same name, one each in Florida, Indiana, Missouri, New York, Ohio and Virginia. There may be still others without a post office—so not listed in the Zipcode directory.

Bowling Green—this one in South Carolina—is down Hy. 321 a little ways from Gastonia and just across the state line. Firestone has employees who commute to and from there.

Then, of course, Bowling Green, Ky., has the company's textile plant. It's generally known that Bowling Green Ky., (and maybe some of the other towns of the same name) got the name in the old days, when people played lawn bowls on the village green.

WHENCE came the name of Bowling Green, S. C.? It doesn't even have a bowling alley, much less a green.

Postmaster Tom Ed Jackson says:

"Back in the 1800s an old mule trader came down from Kentucky. He was from Bowling Green and the folks here liked that name.

"Don't know if that story is true, since it's not recorded anywhere to my knowledge," said Jackson.

Green Blair Dulin, a longtime citizen of the community, believes this to be a correct version of how the town was named. He went on:

"That old mule trader was from Bowling Green, Ky., and our town was named for his town—and in a way, in his honor."

BENNETTSVILLE

An Honor For Safety

A special-honor plaque from Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. was awarded to employees of Firestone Textiles Company Bennettsville plant in February. It recognized an outstanding accident-control record.

People at the Bennettsville plant recently completed eight years of continuous operation without a disabling injury.

Several visitors from Liberty Mutual and from corporate and division headquarters of the Firestone company attended the award ceremony, Feb. 20.

Firestone, Bennettsville, people have been recognized over a 30-year period for noteworthy safety attitude and performance. They have qualified for a number of National Safety Council honors, including the Award of Honor; also awards from the South Carolina Department of Labor, South Carolina Occupational Council, Liberty Mutual, and The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

Firestone employee Geraldine Woodberry received plaque from Liberty Mutual representative Don Jackle.



Dale Ritter, Firestone Diversified products safety engineer from Akron, Ohio, spoke at the award presentation.



Photo Quiz

Just a few yesterdays between the photo on page 4 and the Firestone office secretary now. But of course, enough changes in-between to make guessing who she is a bit difficult. Did

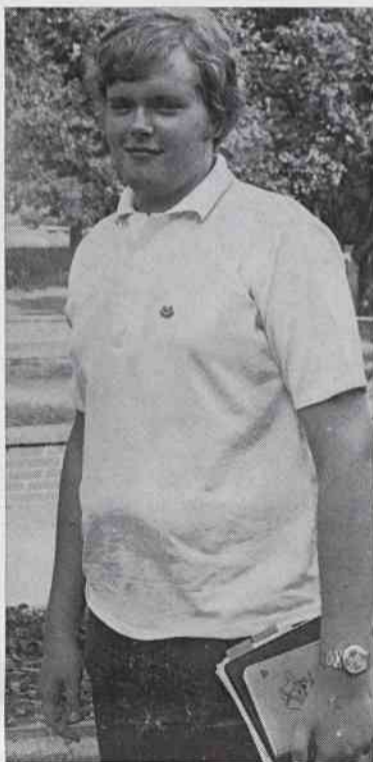
you recognize?

She's Freida Price, secretary in the office of Firestone's Gastonia factory manager Philip R. Williams. Freida has been on this job five years; worked in Main Office accounting for two years before that. She lives in Fern Forest, Gastonia.

FIRESTONE SCHOLARSHIP

Barry At ECU

Barry R. Robinson of Gastonia is a student at East Carolina University, studying toward a



major in music therapy.

He and Charles Melvin Willis of Bowling Green, Ky., won Firestone College Scholarships last year. Charles is majoring in physics-astronomy at Western Kentucky University.

OTHERS from Firestone Textiles Company families in college on company scholarships are Samuel Rhyne, sophomore at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and Laura Ann Hall, sophomore at Duke University, Durham.

March 1 was closing date for the 1974 Firestone scholarship grants program.

Each scholarship, awarded to sons and daughters of Firestone employees, pays up to \$1,400 to state-supported colleges and universities; and \$2,800 a year at privately-operated institutions. Scholarships are renewable annually up to four years.

Selection of the 1974 scholarship awards is now in process at the company's Akron headquarters. Winners will be notified by early May.

SC Museum Of Education

Do you have an old Webster's Blueback Spelling Book? A Baby Ray Primer . . . an antique piece of school equipment . . . an old school photo?

Old school books, report cards, school furniture and photos of early schools and colleges are some of the items being sought for the South Carolina Museum of Education being set up within the College of Education at the University of South Carolina.

The museum, expected to open in late 1974, is planned as a learning and resource center for students and educators, and as a general historical collection. It will provide insight into the development of education in the U.S., with emphasis on South Carolina.

While the museum seeks permanent donations, items on loan also will be accepted. Contributions (tax-deductible) are made to the museum through the University Education Foundation.

For additional information, contact Dr. William S. Savage, College of Education of USC, Columbia, S.C. 29208.

Suggestions

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Last year's goal of 500 suggestions per 1,000 employees at every plant and savings of at least \$1.3 million for the company were met and surpassed, reported H. Bruce Palmer, manager of the company's suggestion system. He said:

"Even though our suggestion program has improved rapidly over the past few years, we must make every effort to continue to improve it—to encourage every employee to turn in ideas."

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Fabric—Not Fire

A grade-school student in Garden City, Kan., wanted some

information on Firestone Textiles Company and its product—tire fabric. This is a reproduction of the letter front as it

reached the Gastonia plant. The student got his requested information and some samples of fibers, tire cord and fabrics.