

Capped by snow? No. These units will become Firestone wide whitewall tires. And inside, fabric. Tires are built on a cylinder shape and take on final and more familiar pattern in a high-heat vulcanizing mold.

A fine buffing of the whitewall is a finishing touch.

The 3-inch-wide stripes have gained in popularity in the past year.

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Scholarship Materials Ready

Information and materials for the 1975 Firestone College Scholarship Program were available as of early October at the three plants of Firestone Textiles Company; and in other plants, divisions and district offices.

The program is beginning earlier this year because of the change in the testing requirements to the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) which is administered in November and December.

In years past, the School and College Aptitude Test (SCAT) was used.

HIGH SCHOOL seniors who are sons and daughters of eligible Firestone employees are urged to take the SAT test at their local designated location on either Nov. 2 or Dec. 7, 1974 so that test results can be in the hands of the Scholarship Committee in Akron by March 1, 1975.

School counselors or principals either have necessary SAT materials or can easily obtain them.

Firestone scholarship winners will be able to go to school next fall on grants each worth up to \$11,200 toward tuition, fees, required textbooks, and room and board expense for any accredited four-year program.

Total award is limited to \$1,400 per year if the student attends a school operated by a state of local government, and \$2,800 per year if the student attends a private college or university.

TO BE eligible, applicants must be seniors in the upper third of their high school class and be sons or daughters of fulltime employees (active, retired or deceased) who have, or will have, completed at least five years continuous service with the company by Jan. 1, 1975. Too, the employee must have an average base pay not more than \$1,667 per month.

Currently, there are five students from Firestone Textiles Company families studying under Firestone scholarships at the University of North Carolina, East Carolina University, Duke University and Western Kentucky University.

They are Laura Ann Hall, Robinette Caldwell, Barry R. Robinson, Samuel M. Rhyne and Charles M. Willis.

Gastonia: Four Retired

Joe R. Sain of TC Twisting is the most recent to retire from Firestone at Gastonia. When he finished his career as of October 1, he had 28 years and 4 months credited company service.

Within recent weeks, others at Gastonia retired after 'building' long work records.

Grace Beaver of TC Twisting had 30 years and 2 months service. Maxine Calhoun of TC Weaving had 30 years; while Stella Phillips of the same department had 28 years.

United Programs 'People Helping People ...'

People of the three plants of Firestone Textiles Company are involved this fall in annual funds-solicitations for 1975 operation of United Fund-type agencies and services. Through giving and volunteer leadership, the people are contributing to these campaigns in the communities and counties where the company has its manufacturing facilities.

Gastonia's United Way campaign this time seeks \$750,000 for funding in the operation of 32 "people helping people" services.

Clyde Thomasson, a shift foreman in TC Weaving; and Bill Passmore, employment manager, are general chairmen of the Firestone campaign running to

mid-October. They are helped by dozens of volunteers in plant, offices and warehouses.

LAST YEAR, Firestone pledges to United Way through payroll deduction were \$44,398.84.

At the Bennettsville, S. C. plant, Firestone people contributed to the United Fund of Bennettsville and Marlboro County in their October funding drive.

This year's city-county UF goal is \$53,000. Money is allocated toward the 1975 operation of 22 community services.

Miss Frances Fletcher, Payroll manager; and M. D. Coleman, Quality Control and Safety manager, are leaders of the plant UF campaign. Many volunteer workers help to collect pledges.

Edwin E. Fuller, factory manager, is UF president of the county organization for the 1974-1975 year.

In the past several campaigns, employees have participated 100 per cent in giving.

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To Gastonia Firestone Plant



Dr. Thomason

Dr. Van Hook

Two medical doctors who were in residency training together are establishing a Gastonia partnership practice in internal medicine. Since midsummer they have been Firestone physicians, alternating their weekday service to the plant.

As Firestone physicians they succeeded Dr. Simeon Adams, a Gastonia surgeon, who served the company almost 12 years.

Dr. Henry Thomason Jr., native Gastonian; and Dr. Robert Van Hook of Vincennes, Ind., will be in practice in their new offices at Hospital Drive off Remount Road by mid-October.

Dr. Van Hook attended public schools in his Indiana hometown, and two years at Vincennes University there. After another year study at Indiana University, Bloomington, he entered Indiana University Medical School

at Indianapolis, graduating in 1967.

HE HAD a year internship at Mound Park Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., followed by two years as an Air Force flight surgeon, rank of captain. He spent one of these years in southeast Asia.

Leaving the Air Force in 1970, Dr. Van Hook went back to Indianapolis and the Medical Center for a year residency training.

He spent a year in residency
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•• TAKING NOTE . . .

Oct. 27—American Education Week. Theme: "Stay Involved."

Nov. 5—Election Day

Nov. 11—56th anniversary of World War I Armistice; Veterans Day in most states

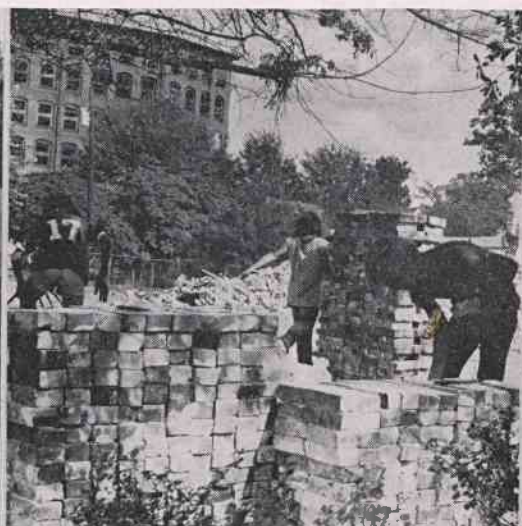
Nov. 28—Thanksgiving Day

Bicentennial Kentucky Events

Bowling Green's Fountain Square Kentucky Bicentennial celebration, Sept. 13-15, was a part of statewide activities this year marking the 1774 founding of Fort Harrod—first permanent settlement west of the Alleghenies.

Kentucky's 200th anniversary observance is prelude to the 200th anniversary of the U.S., to be marked in 1976.

The Bowling Green event was built around the second annual Arts & Crafts Festival. Besides exhibits and demonstrations of arts and crafts, there were music and dancing, contests, band concerts, a pageant, an interpretation of the history of city and county, and tours of historical places.



What Went On Here?

• Clearing brick and rubble of old Abernethy School. Youngsters—some who attended the school before it was closed in 1970—earned money cleaning and stacking bricks. In center photo is portion of west wing of Firestone plant. Story and other photos, page 3.