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Firestone Textiles Company

GASTONIA
NORTH CAROLINA

BENNETTSVILLE
SOUTH CAROLINA

BOWLING GREEN
KENTUCKY



Off-Job Safety Month

More accidents happen in December than in any other month.

- More traffic accidents
- More home fires, more falls, accidents with toys, more accidental poisonings...

For these reasons, Firestone every December stresses off-job safety. Figures gathered in the company's safety department show that in a typical month, injuries taking place away from the job far outnumber on-job injuries.

The company is vitally interested in its people 24 hours of every day—not just while at work in factory, store, or wherever else the job may be.

CHIEF REASON for the December emphasis, says the safety department, is the reduction of pain and suffering to employees and their loved ones. And there are other sound reasons:

- Stressing off-job safety cuts down on wage loss and medical expenses which inevitably come to the worker as a result of lost-time injuries.
- It reduces absenteeism from the job, while increasing production efficiency. That means better earning power.
- Stressing safety this way helps to carry over an awareness for safety throughout the year.

Marlboro CB Radio Club

The first monthly meeting of the CB (Citizens' Band) Radio Club in Marlboro County, S.C., was held at the Firestone Textiles Recreation Building Nov. 16. At this meeting the club solicited members and talked 'shop' around an evening meal of pork barbecue and chicken bog.

Organized this fall, the CB Club began with 75 members, including some Firestone people from the Bennettsville plant.

Purpose of the club is to furnish emergency radio communication as a people-community service.

Christmas was first observed in England around the year A.D. 521, during the reign of King Arthur.

Retirement Course Finished

Firestone's first group of employees have participated in a pre-retirement course in evening classes at Gaston Community College. The 7-week course which ended in early November, was arranged and started by Hugh Brower of Drake University.

Firestone people (employees and/or spouses) who participated: Robert and Minnie Kilby, Eula Wilson (now retired), John and Rosie Fletcher, A. V. Riley,

Marguerite Styers, Roy and Christine Davis, Lennell and Nell Keenum, Ralph and Evelyn Dalton, George and Ramelle High and Margaret Whitener.

Firestone people were first in the Gastonia area to be involved in the "getting ready for a second career" program. The company requested it for Gaston College after Firestone in other parts of the country was successful with the plan.

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Early Start

George W. Wilson joined the company work force at Gastonia 3 months ago. is a cleaner learner in TC Twisting. Sometimes he has opportunity to learn do-fing. He is 16 years old.

Carl Wilson, George's father, is a loom starter in TC Twisting. Mrs. Wilson (Kay) is a respooler operator in TC Twisting also. Carl and Kay began working at Firestone a few weeks before their son did.

The Wilsons live in Lowell.

Variety In Holiday Music

A good mix of holiday songs sung and played by pop, country and folk artists—that's the Firestone "Christmas America, Album Two" recording available this season for \$1.29 at Firestone Stores and dealers. This is the 9th year the company has offered a holiday record album.

This year's stereo version compares in quality with those retailing for as much as \$5.98.

Album selections: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" by Bing Crosby, "Christmas Wishes" by Anne Murray, Glen Campbell's "It Must Be Getting Close to Christmas," "Santa Claus and Popcorn" by Merle Haggard, "Silver Bells" by Fred Waring & the Pennsylvanians and Wayne Newton's version of "Silent Night."

Also Nat King Cole sings "The First Noel," "Mr. and Mrs. Snowman" is sung by Roy Clark, followed by "What Will the New Year Bring" by Donna Fargo and the Lettermen's "O Holy Night."

The Capitol album includes medleys of songs about Christmas and America by the Hollywood Pops Orchestra & Choir.

Six Basketball Teams

Six teams are in the Firestone Textiles basketball league for the 1974-75 season at Bowling Green. The teams, from A, C, D and E Crews, Maintenance, Warehouse & Treating, are named Astros, Chapparrals, Demons, Flyers, Hogs and Warehouse.

The season play opened Nov.

15 and will extend to late February. After league play of 10 scheduled games there will be a round-robin tournament between the teams.

The Firestone employees league is sanctioned and controlled by the Bowling Green-Warren County Athletic Association.

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PEOPLE OF FIRESTONE TEXTILES COMPANY

In the spirit of the time of year when we celebrate the Miracle of the Manger, I wish for everyone a warm Christmas Season. May its message live anew and bring you joy. And may the season be filled with a spirit of Love and Peace which will continue throughout the New Year of 1975.

James B. Call • President