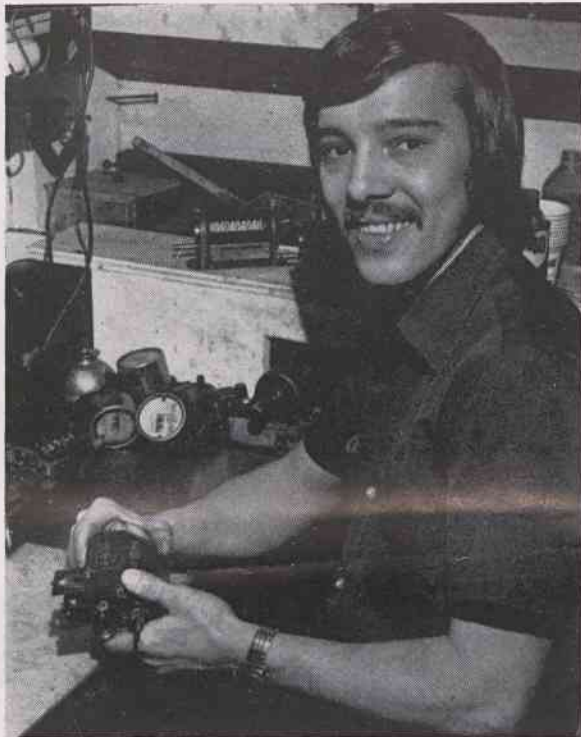


Clocks Scales Keys



This Shop millwright 'looks after' production clocks, industrial scales and keys for locks all over the place. James Gordon Swanson (Jimmy) repairs an average of 15 measuring clocks per week.

These counting devices, mechanically and electrically operated, are mostly on production machines—as twisters, respoolers, splicers, treating ovens, inspection tables, looms.

With 5 Years

Thirteen at Bowling Green completed 5 years company service in January. They are: Cecil Sanspree, Diana F. Colburn, Betty Bryant, Edna E. Johnson, Betty H. Frazier and Delores L. Jones, all Weaving department.

The others: Mackie J. Miller, Rachel M. Madison, William E. Downing and Wallace L. Lockhart, Twisting; J. A. Riddle and Pat J. Vincent, Quality Control; Leroy James, Treating Unit.

WHEN CLOCKS "go out of whack", Jimmy removes them to his workbench for fixing and return to service. In meantime, he installs extras so machines won't be kept waiting.

Then, there are 14 industrial scales throughout the plant, warehouses, offices, and treating units. Jimmy keeps these all "weighing correctly."

And locks from factory fence to everywhere inside are his charges also. These are on gates, doors, machines and equipment. He keeps them all provided with keys.

Jimmy, with Firestone at Gastonia since 1968, has been an air conditioning attendant and an oiler of machines and equipment. With clocks, locks and scales since 1971, he trained in the work under Jack Moore who retired from the job 2 years ago.

Jimmy and wife Charlotte have sons Jas, 6; and Billy Joe, 4. The Swansons' 'real special' interest: Going to lakes, mountains and beaches in the family camper.

HOW OBSERVING ARE YOU?



'What other group of 4 words . . . ?'

• Answers to this quiz are printed on another page of this issue, Firestone News. You can 'score' yourself.

1. What does the Statue of Liberty hold in her left hand?
2. Which letters do not appear on your telephone dial?
3. What historic date is usually printed on the flyleaf of copies of the King James version of the Bible?
4. An ordinary fork has how many prongs?
5. What type neckwear does Lincoln have on the U.S. penny?
6. A standard piano has how many keys?
7. On a standard typewriter keyboard, which two groups of three letters are in alphabetical order?
8. Other than 'America' what seven-letter word appears on all U.S. coins of less than \$1 and issued after 1888?
9. Which king in a standard deck of cards usually sports no mustache?

10. Whose picture is on the U.S. \$10 bill? What picture is on the reverse side of the \$20 bill?
11. Of the 13 bars on the American flag, which are there more of—red or white?
12. What other group of four words besides "In God We Trust" appears on most U.S. coins?
13. How many groupings of figures are in your Social Security number?
14. What four-word safety reminder is usually printed on book-match covers?
15. On the U.S. quarter-dollar, what kind of hairdo does Washington's image have?
16. Is women's clothing buttoned to the right or to the left?
17. A full book of matches usually contains how many matches?
18. How many digits in a post-office Zipcode?
19. What two emblems are on the state flag of South Carolina?

Generous Donors Recognized

At the Gaston Unit American Red Cross annual meeting, Firestone persons were among those recognized in the "top generosity" category for donation of 6 or more gallons blood.

John Mitchell, Shop construction foreman, has a record of 9 gallons and 3 pints. Francis B. Galligan, retired general factories manager, is in the 8-gallon group. With 6 gallons: Alvin V. Riley, division personnel manager, and J. C. Barnes, bobbin changer in TC Twisting.

At the annual ARC meeting in January the unit reported 4,498 pints blood donated from 38 bloodmobile visits in Gaston County during 1974. Two of those visits were in the Firestone plant community.

Some 'Name Alikes' • PEOPLE

Andrew Johnson, John Adams, John Garner and Samuel Wilson. They didn't "step out of history"—as the names might lead you to think. The four men work at Firestone, Gastonia.

Adams, a Warehouse fabric-handler, first shift, has been with Firestone since late 1973. Johnson, also first shift, but in TC Twisting, is a twister bobbin-changer, with 24 years company service.

Garner, third shift TC Twist-

ing, is a beam and yarn handler, his work record dating back to mid-1951. Wilson, here since June 1956, is on first shift in Warehouse. He is a power truck operator.

As to their "name alike" in history? Of course, Adams and Johnson were U.S. Presidents; Garner, a Vice President. Samuel Wilson was, according to one story, inspiration for Uncle Sam as a designation for the U.S. Government. The Troy, N.Y., businessman was inspector of army supplies during the War of 1812. It's said, he'd stamp "U.S." on the supplies, so workmen and soldiers began calling the source of supply "Uncle Sam."

C Of C Director

Thomas L. Yelton has been elected a director-at-large for the Bowling Green-Warren County (Ky.) Chamber of Commerce. The manager of Firestone's Bowling Green textile plant is among 3 newly-elected directors-at-large who will serve during 1975.

They join 5 new directors who will serve 3-year terms, and 11 other directors. New directors and newly-elected officers began their terms of service at the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner in January.

Yelton has been with the Bowling Green plant since July of 1973. He was division technical manager before his appointment as BG plant manager. Before his Kentucky assignment, he was with the company's textile division more than 12 years—in Gastonia, N.C.; Argentina and Brazil.

Handling Beams

Fred N. Gordon has been with Firestone, Gastonia, for almost 27 years. His job assignment is Warehouse trucker, but his present duty is beam-handling of incoming yarn. He sends the material on its way through the factory for ply twisting, respooling, cable twisting and, finally, weaving into tire fabric.

At the ground-flour elevators, Gordon checks in the beams of material, recording numbers and styles before sending the yarn on its trip for processing 'upstairs' and returning empties down again.



BG IR Man

Jeff C. Claypool is Industrial Relations manager at Bowling Green, Firestone. Claypool replaces Richard Webber who left the company late last year.

The new IR manager joined Firestone Textiles Company last December, transferring from World Bestos Corp., at New Castle, Ind. World Bestos is a part of diversified products, and a division of the Firestone company.

During the almost 5 years Claypool has been with Firestone, he has gained broad experience in the industrial relations field.

He enjoys many hobbies, is especially an enthusiast of basketball and tennis. Jeff and wife Karen and daughter Kelly live on Seminole Drive in Bowling Green.

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Tarte Retired

• Alton and Mrs. (Mary Neil) Tarte in January were planning to move back to the Gastonia area. Late last year he retired from the Firestone Bowling Green (Ky.) plant.

Tarte's career with Firestone began as a twister doffer at the

He and his wife Doris live on Karen Circle in Bowling Green. Their son Bruce is a graduate student at UNC-Greensboro, and their other son Gary, a student at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

Gastonia plant in 1935. He became a twister overhauler. For a time he had a special assignment at the Woodstock, Canada, textile plant, where he helped start up twisters at that location.

Upon return to Gastonia he was made supervisor of Utex twisting until his transfer to Bowling Green when the plant began operations in January of 1968. He first was a foreman in maintenance; retired as supervisor of preventative maintenance.

The Tartes have one daughter still at home.



FIRESTONE A SPONSOR 'Meet The Press'

On Jan. 5, Firestone became a major sponsor of NBC "Meet The Press", longest-running program on network television.

A. E. Brubaker, Firestone vice president for advertising and public relations, describes the program as . . .

"One of the nation's most influential

television forums, informing the public on key issues through its in-depth interviews with prominent newsmakers, including top government officials, diplomatic and military officers, business and labor leaders, scientists and educators."

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