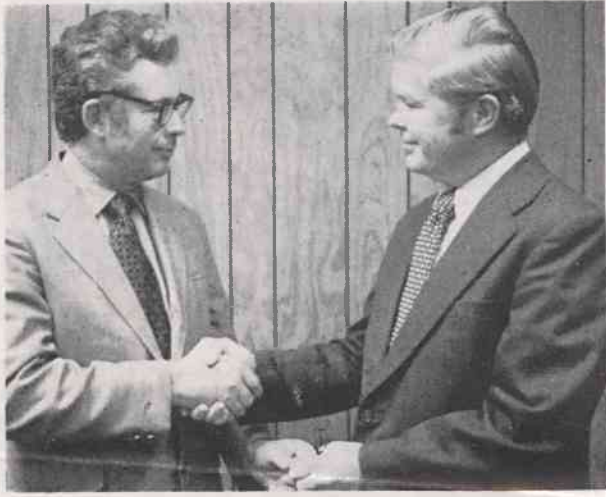


**Into  
16th  
Year**



Ralph King (l), general factory manager of Firestone Textiles Company, in January presented a 15-year service pin to Thomas L. Yelton, manager of the division's Bowling Green, Ky., plant. Before going to Bowling Green, Yelton had managerial assignments at Gastonia; was manager of Firestone's Buenos Aires, Argentina and Sao Paulo, Brazil textile operations.

**The Darwins  
Took A Trip**

Waikiki Beach and its balmy climate, sights of Honolulu and the mountain scenery of Oahu Island. Scenes of San Francisco and its environs; a picnic in the snow beside a frozen waterfall near Denver; the historic French Quarter and other sections of New Orleans.

All this and much more were included on a 15-day trip by air to Hawaii for Mr. and Mrs. John V. Darwin. He is administrative assistant to President James B. Call of Firestone Textiles Company.

The Darwins returned to Gastonia in mid-January, having covered nearly 15,000 miles on their vacation journey.

They traveled from Charlotte to Los Angeles and after a brief stopover, on to Honolulu. There 6 days, they visited Mrs. Darwin's son Dickie Baugh and his family (he's with the Navy there), toured the city and all around the island.

**HOMEWARD** to San Francisco, they visited Mr. Darwin's brother Dan in nearby Saratoga, went into the countryside to see the redwood forests and other things. On to Denver, they visited Mrs. Darwin's daughter Mary Mitchell and her family, went sightseeing in the city and into the Rockies.

**Gastonia — 6 Retired**

A husband and wife with almost 58 years of combined service are among the 6 persons to retire on January 1 at the Gastonia plant. Harlan E. Butler has 33 years and 10 months work credit, while Mrs. Butler (Esther G.) has 24 years and 1 month. Both had worked in TC Twisting.

Of the group retiring last month, Loma T. Lyles of Preparation was on the job the longest: 34 years, 6 months; followed by William Charlie Smith of Quality Control, with 34 years, 2 months.

C. A. Faulkner of TC Twisting retired with 32 years service; Catherine Huffstetler, also TC Twisting, with 24 years and 6 months.

In New Orleans they visited his son, Dr. Robert Darwin, with the U.S. Public Health Service. Their days there had them stopping in the Old French Quarter, the parks, at the waterfront and other points of interest.



Any Christmas afterglow? You can help save the church of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, where in 1868 rector Phillips Brooks wrote the words and church organist Lewis Bedner composed the music, is age-burdened.

Unless public gifts of money come to the rescue, the old landmark may have to go. Already, some \$80,000 has been spent on restoration, but more is needed.

A city ordinance requires that the work be completed soon.

Says the church's present rector: "We hope public response will be the church's saving grace." The address: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Rittenhouse Square at Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.

**Almanac**

**PINE • PALMETTO  
AND PAWPAW**

•• **AQUARIUS 20** January through February 19.

All signs of the zodiac are represented as masculine or feminine. Aquarius is a masculine sign. It is an air sign representing intelligence, and a fixed sign representing extreme stubbornness.

There are no known myths concerning the origin of the sign Aquarius. In Babylonian times it was associated with the goddess of childbirth and healing.

**For those born under Aquarius** • Your positive traits are of excellent value—friendly, willing, humanitarian with a progressive if not unusual outlook on life and your surroundings. Your willingness to help others at a moment's notice does you credit, but you do find it hard to have a close relationship with individual persons.

Your negative traits cause you trouble. Your being unpredictable, somewhat eccentric, tactless and of rebellious nature

causes others to shy away from you.

Your positive traits far outweigh the negative traits and most people find your company most welcome. Your ability to do many things in an unusual manner puts you in demand and makes you the life of any party.

• **Bob Daniels**  
Accounting, Gastonia Plant



A young Roman named Valentinus sent the first valentine greeting in the third century. While giving aid to Christian martyrs he was imprisoned by Emperor Claudius II and sentenced to death.

Legend says that while awaiting his execution Valentinus defended the blind daughter of the jailor and restored her sight. On the night before he was executed Valentinus wrote a farewell message to the jailor's daughter and signed it "from your Valentinus."

He was executed Feb. 14 and buried in what is today the Church of Praedes, Rome. Tradition adds that near the grave a pink almond tree—symbol of abiding love—thrived and bloomed for many a year.

**In Alabama**

Edwin Broadway is pastor of a Baptist church near Ozark, Ala. He was ordained to the Christian ministry at Lake Hill Baptist Church in Florida, Dec. 22.

Edwin's brother, Ira Neil Broadway is a 30-year employee in TC Twisting at Firestone, Gastonia.

Edwin was a member of Lake Hill Church while stationed in the Air Force at McCoy AFB. He decided on the ministry in 1969 before going to England, where he worked at establishing Sunday schools and missions. After returning from England, he was interim pastor of a church in Valdosta, Ga.

Upon his retirement from the Air Force, he attended Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Fla. Edwin and his wife Carolyn have 3 children.

**Safety Sunday**

The 10th annual National Highway Safety Sunday will be observed February 23, when religious leaders share a message urging their congregations to drive soberly and courteously.

This emphasis every year is promoted by the National Foundation for Highway Safety.

Safety Sunday was begun a decade ago, upon the suggestion in a statement by the late Bishop A. Frank Smith of Texas:

"Until the religious leaders challenge their congregations to drive courteously and soberly, we will never have any marked decline of the tragedies on our highways."

**Answers • To Quiz on page 3**

1. A book. 2. Q and Z. 3. Year 1611. 4. Four. 5. Bowtie. 6. Eighty-eight. 7. FGH and JKL. 8. Liberty. 9. King of Hearts. 10. Hamilton. The White House. 11. Red (seven). 12. United States of America. 13. Three. 14. Close Cover Before Striking. 15. Ponytail (queue). 16. To wearer's left. 17. Twenty. 18. Five. 19. Palmetto tree and crescent.

**February's Special; Going's Great**



• February is usually the 'most serious' of Winter's days in the Mid-South, especially in the Carolinas and Kentucky ("Firestone Textiles Country"). Yet, the short second month has here and there, a suggestion of warmer weeks ahead as we move toward Spring.

It has variety, so for travel, February's a good time to go—close home or on longer trips.

**NC: Winter Sports, Exhibits & Shows** • Though February weather is unpredictable, it's usually the best of the season's months for skiing in the hillcountry of Western NC and winter resort areas of neighboring states. NC's leading winter-sports developments have machine-made snow, so, they're in business as long as the temperature stays low enough to hold it.

Of this month's NC special events: Lumberton has the Southeastern Farm and Home Trade Show, 19-20; Southern Pines has a horse show, 16 and 23; Charlotte a custom-car show, 20-24. At Chapel Hill "The Miracle Worker" plays 20-23 also 27-March 2; Southern Living Show, Charlotte, 22-March 2.

**SC: Festivals, Gardens, Music & Dancing** • Three outstanding events of a 'heritage' nature are in February. The 5th annual George Washington Days at Myrtle Beach, 14-18; Founding Father Festival at Charleston, 15; Founders Festival—French Heritage, Charleston, 15-March 14.

The famed Cypress and Magnolia Gardens in the Charleston area open for the season Feb. 15 and remain open to May 1. At Myrtle Beach the SC Hall of Fame has its induction ceremony, 17; Columbia offers "Red Stocking Revue", 20-22; also Columbia, the annual Carolinas Capers

For Fun & Adventure

Squaredance, 21-22; Ciro and his Ballet Espanol, Sumter, 24.

Greenville has the Boat Travel Trailer and Sports Show, 27. In SC, early March: Gems & Mineral Show, Aiken, 1-2; Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus, Columbia, 7-9; tour of homes and Gardens, Charleston, 14.

**Ky.: Buffalo, Horses & Machinery** • Lake Cumberland State Resort Park at Jamestown has its annual Buffalo Weekend, Feb. 21-22. From thinning of the herd, there'll be buffalo steaks, talks and films on wildlife. A similar-type weekend at Gilbertsville is the Eagle Workshop, 21-23. The nature-oriented program with emphasis on the eagle will be at Ky. Dam Village Resort Park.

A horse-racing schedule beginning this month runs to early April. Harness racing at Louisville Downs, 13-April 21; Thoroughbred racing at Florence, 3-April 3.

Square Dance Weekend for beginners, Feb. 14-16, is at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park. Some suggested year-round attractions: Country music show Saturdays at Danville; daily tours of Shakertown at Pleasant Hill; Renfro Valley Barn Dance Saturdays at Renfro Valley; exhibits in Art League, Doctors Park at Lexington, weekdays; Speed Art Museum, Louisville, daily.

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