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Medallion Winner

Thomas Gene Wallace Jr. is Gaston County's 1976 winner of the Raymond C. Firestone Award for achievement in Boy Scouts. Tommy, of Gastonia Troop 25 sponsored by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, is the son of Thomas G. Sr., and Peggy Wallace of Gardner Park Drive, Gastonia.

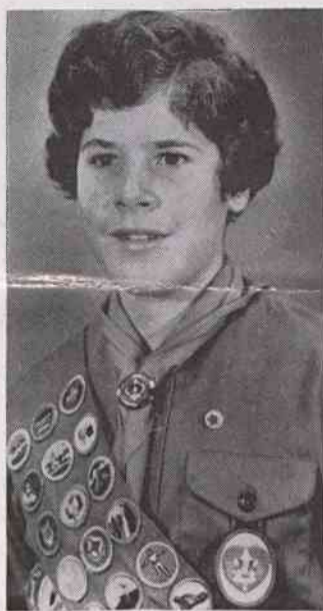
Tommy, with five years in Scouting, has earned 34 merit badges, Eagle rank with Bronze and Gold Palm, and is senior patrol leader of his troop. He has completed his sophomore year at Ashbrook High School, where he is a member of the school band.

A member of Gastonia First Methodist Church, Tommy is active with Methodist youth.

In this year's Firestone Scout awards program, 13 others from 5 troops in Gaston District BSA Piedmont Council received Certificates of Merit and \$40 each for a week's expenses at Schiele Scout Reservation in Polk County.

The top Firestone Scouting award is symbolized by the engraved Silver Medallion. The winner also received five shares of Firestone common stock and a \$40 check for ex-

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Tommy Wallace
1976 Top Scout

New BG Comptroller

Joseph J. Duffy began his assignment as comptroller of Firestone Textiles Company Bowling Green (Ky.) plant in early May. He succeeds Tommy J. Koen who went to Liberia as comptroller of the company's rubber plantations at Harbel.

Koen had been at Bowling Green since late 1970, having transferred from a three-year assignment in accounting at Akron company headquarters.

Duffy began working for Firestone in summer of 1967 as accountant in the plastics division at Pottstown, Pa. A native of Philadelphia, Pa., he has a B.S. degree in accounting from La-Salle University there.

In 1970 Duffy was promoted to manager of accounting in the Firestone chemicals division at Perryville, Md., and was on that assignment to Feb. 1973 when transferred to Akron as corporate accountant.

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He was general accountant in the tire division from late 1974 to early 1975, when he became corporate auditor in the Akron headquarters. He was on that job until transferred to Bowling Green last month.

Duffy and wife Mary Jane have a daughter, Jennifer, age 2.

In 1936 — 40 years ago — the Firestone company acquired a plant at Memphis, Tenn., for tire production near Southern markets. It was Firestone's first tire facility in the Southland. A year earlier, in 1935, the Gastonia, N. C. Firestone plant was purchased, becoming the company's first textile operation in the South.

Something Special

•• The 26th annual Georgia Mountain Fair at Hiawassee is August 6-14 this year.

"Think of it as 'some place special,'" suggests Troy Jones, retired tinsmith (Shop, Firestone at Gastonia). Troy went last year and was most impressed with the authentic mountain talents, skills, crafts, exhibits and demonstrations recreating the life of days gone by.

Persons, clubs, churches and communities exhibit handiwork from the garden, needle, pantry, forest, loom and kiln. Craftspeople work daily with leather, wood, metals, gemstones and paintbrush.

Nights offer entertainment of country, bluegrass and gospel music and lots of clog dancing.

Georgia's most unique fair takes place with Lake Chatuge as foreground and mountains as background at Hiawassee in the State's "Little Switzerland." Admission \$2. Under 12—Free.

TEXTILES DIVISION

Energy-Use Conservation

An 11.22 per cent reduction was achieved in Firestone energy-use conservation for the first quarter of fiscal 1976, covering Nov. 1, 1975 through January this year.

Guido Martinelli, industrial engineer and energy conservation coordinator for the division, said the second quarter would equal or better the 11.22 per cent. Figures for the second quarter were to have been compiled at the end of May.

Martinelli noted that the overall conservation goal for the di-

vision is a 13 per cent reduction by 1980.

The 11.22 per cent reduction and goal by 1980 involves the plants at Gastonia, N. C.; Bennettsville, S. C.; Bowling Green, Ky.; and three plants at Woodcock, Canada. Also included is the fabric-treating unit at Firestone's Memphis, Tenn., tire facility.

Percentage of energy savings is based on the number of British Thermal Units (BTUs) required per yard of fabric produced and treated.

'New Schedules' For Five

Long careers in textiles ended for five Firestone people at Gastonia. Projects that 'have awaited enough time in which to pursue them' are common to all five whose first day of retirement was June 1.

Earl Clark, shift supervisor in TC Twisting, led the group with 39 years and 5 months service; then Vivian Metcalf, weaver in Chafer Weaving, with 33 years and 1 month.

James T. Wright, cloth changer in Chafer Weaving, completed 28 years and 5 months, followed by Gaddis Owens, storekeeper in Supply, 24 years and 9 months. William J. Barrett, section supervisor in TC Weaving, ended his service with 13 years and 2 months.

Playground Through Aug. 20

At Firestone, Gastonia, the playground which opened the season June 7 will operate through August 20.

The company-owned facility is made available for operation by the Gastonia City Parks & Recreation system, serving West End children up to 12 years.

During this season the playground will operate Sunday afternoons, 2-6. This is an extended service over the past years. Other operating times:

Monday-Friday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday—12 m. to 6 p.m.

The facility in front of the textile plant has the wading pool as main appeal for youngsters "coping with hot summer days."

Children at play are supervised by personnel employed by City Recreation. Besides the pool, the playground has swings, horseshoe pits, seesaws. On scheduled days there is instruction in arts and crafts.

Competition in various areas of play and crafts participation chooses winners toward the end of the season. Also as a part of the wider City Recreation program, there are hikes and outings to points of interest around the county.

People retired from The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company are living in all 48 of the continental states, plus the 49th and 50th—Alaska and Hawaii.



Wire Weaving

Illa Hart, Quality Control inspector in Chafer Weaving, checks steelcord warp in Wire Weaving at Gastonia. Wire fabric production goes into steel radial tires.

Illa began working at Firestone in 1966.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Two Grads

Laura Ann Hall and Samuel Matthew Rhyne of Gastonia received university degrees at commencement in May — having studied the past four years on Firestone College Scholarships.



Laura

Samuel

Laura Ann, daughter of Laura and H. G. Hall, received the B.A. Degree in her double major of zoology and chemistry at Duke University. She has been accepted for graduate work in marine science at North Carolina State University, beginning in September. Laura Ann's father is production manager at Firestone's Gastonia plant.

Samuel, son of Velma and Samuel Meek Rhyne, received a B.A. Degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Samuel's plans include work for a year or two in the journalistic field, then to graduate school at UNC-CH. His father is a fabric baler in Chafer-Wire Weaving.