

Scholarship People

Back To School

Jo Ann Hull has begun her sophomore year at Davidson College, on a Firestone scholarship. She is the most recent from families of Firestone Textiles Company to be awarded a company scholarship. Jo Ann's major study is pre-law and economics. During summer she was a counselor at Golden Valley Girl Scout Camp of Piedmont Council.

Laura Ann Hall was a lead counselor at Golden Vally during summer. She was graduated from Duke University last spring, having studied the four years on a Firestone scholarship. She is now doing graduate work in marine science at North Carolina State University.

Also back in school on Firestone scholarships are Barry Robinson and Melvin Willis, both seniors. Barry is majoring in music therapy at East Carolina University. He attended summer school and, as president of the student union, helped in freshman orientation.

Melvin is majoring in physics-astronomy at Western Kentucky University. He worked in store stocking over the past summer.

Robinette Caldwell is in her junior year on a Firestone scholarship at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her major field of study is communi-

cations. During summer Robinette worked in an Oregon Inlet restaurant at the N. C. Outer Banks.

The two Merit winners from Firestone Textiles Company families in this year's Scholarship program have entered college:

Greta Renee Setzer of Bessemer City, N. C., to Gardner-Webb College; and Teresa Diane Jones of Bowling Green, Ky., to Western Kentucky University.

Greta, a graduate of Bessemer City High School, worked during summer as a cashier at Bessemer City Swimming Pool.

Teresa, graduate of Warren East High School of Bowling Green, will major in science at WKU. In late summer she was crowned "Miss Southern Kentucky Fair."

member of the State Board of Awards, the Advisory Budget Commission and Southern Region Education Board.

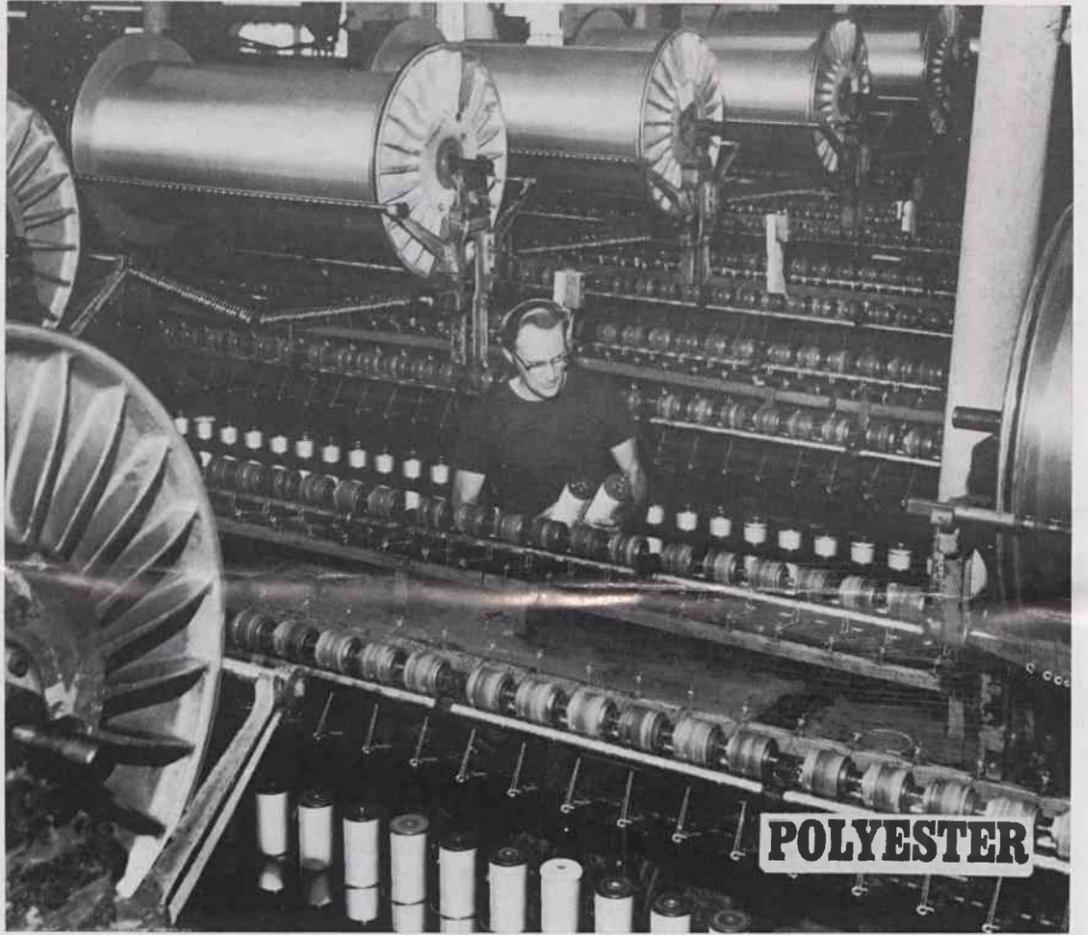
He was named one of the State's Most Effective Legislators, and is a leading contender for Speaker of the House in 1977.

Rep. Stewart, a Gastonia attorney, attended Duke University on one of the earliest Firestone college scholarships awarded in the 1950s. His father and mother are retired from the Gastonia plant. Rep. Stewart worked at Firestone in summers during his student days.

Toward 6th Term

Carl J. Stewart Jr. was a leading vote-gatherer in the Aug. 17 NC primary election. He and three other Gaston-Lincoln county (38th Dist.) incumbents are virtually assured of victory in the NC House of Representatives race in November.

Stewart is going for his sixth two-year term in the House. He continues chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, is a



After 17 Years: A Major Fiber

Back in September of 1959 Firestone News carried a front-page article headlined "Maybe Polyester Tire Fabric?" The story said that "polyester fibers soon could take their place with cord materials used today as a fabric for use in tire construction."

The article noted that this conclusion came after one phase of a research program carried out by Firestone scientists since the coming of synthetic fibers, and

TWISTING
CORD Twister operator Charles Lancaster checks a polyester plying process in TC Twisting, Gastonia Firestone plant. His wife Gladys is a respooler

after more than a million test miles had been logged on tires built with polyester cords.

Said the report: "Research proves that the tested types of polyester are equal or superior to any fabric now used in premium tires. . . . The new cords compare favorably in strength with any cord in use today. Tires built of these cords give increased mileage and improved ride."

operator in the same department. Polyester is a 'family' name of fiber 'manmade' in the sense that it is synthesized through chemical processes from its basic source material—petroleum.

THE STORY of 17 years ago added that "polyesters combine the best performance characteristics of those fibers now used in building of tires." Further extensive testing of polyester tires continued the evaluation.

Now, 17 years later, polyester is one of the major fibers of tire-fabric production. At the Bowling Green (Ky.) plant of Firestone Textiles Company, polyester is first in volume of production. At Gastonia, N. C., it is second to nylon. (Bennettsville, S. C., is all-nylon).

ACROSS THE

Warp & Woof

A feature story in the Sept., 1959 FIRESTONE NEWS found its way last month into a collection of material on the history of York, S.C.

The story of 17 years ago appeared in the plant newspaper as a 'homeown' feature, since a number of Firestone (Gastonia) people live in York and York County.

Melvin McKeown Jr., a York attorney, wrote last month to request a copy of the old article. He passed it on to Judge Robert W. Hemphill, a South Carolina federal judge, for his research on York history.

A Bicentennial exhibit of 109 oil paintings on "Highways of History" continues through September in Washington, D.C. The exhibit in the lobby of the old Pension Building at Fifth and G St. NW depicts development of highway transportation in the U.S. over four centuries.

Paintings were done by Carl Rakeman between 1939 and 1945.

From introduction of horses into the New World in 1530, paintings continue through the era of Indian trails, colonial roads, coming of steamboat and railroad, through the Motor Age from turn of the century to the present.

Died • James E. "Jack" Wellmon Sr. of Bessemer City. He was a Warehouse supervisor at Firestone, Gastonia. Funeral and burial Aug. 9 at Ebenezer Baptist Church of Kings Mountain where he was Sunday school superintendent and a deacon. Surviving are his widow, Helen Wellmon; daughters Carleen Holland and Billie Moore; son James Jr.; sisters Lucille Morgan, Mildred Feemster, Thomasina Jones and a brother, Robert. Also, 7 grandchildren, 2 step-grandsons and 1 great granddaughter.



Cleaning Up

Margery N. Monteith is an office cleaner. She scrubs, mops, dusts, waxes floors, cleans windows and desk tops, empties trash baskets and performs other related duties. She is a part of the Shop sanitation serv-

Glass in Safety Office door gets a shine.

ice of offices, factory and warehouses.

Employed at Firestone, Gastonia, since May of this year, Margery says her background for the work she does is "plenty of experience at home."

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T. J. Slack

65 Upcoming

The company pension department is requesting that all salaried employees who will reach age 65 with'n the next 10 years, obtain birth certificates to be a permanent part of their records.

Alvin V. Riley, division personnel manager of Firestone Textiles Company, originally made the "proof of age" request in early summer.

For those who have not complied with the request, Mr. Riley says "We'll appreciate your supplying us with a 'proof of age' certificate as early as possible, so we may forward it to the pension department of company headquarters in Akron."