

They Rolled Lots of Miles



Of the 97,000 miles Scott McCarter had on his '72 Chevrolet Caprice in mid-August, 52,000 of them were travelled on a set of Firestone V-1 Steel Radial tires. The Shop electrician (Gastonia plant) figures the tires would have gone another 12,000, if the car's front end hadn't become a little out of alignment, causing peripheral tire wear.

At the Dixie Village Firestone store where he bought the tires, he removed them, had the front end re-aligned and put on a new set of V-1 Radials. He's looking for equal or better performance and life from the newer ones.

THE LONG-RUNNING set was on the car nearly three years. During that time there was a lot of local travel and the McCarters made trips to Florida, Illinois and Iowa. Some of that going was before the current 55 mph speed limit, so the car sometimes went 75 and 80 mph on extended hauls.

Long Service Records GASTONIA

• Five with 40-year work records at Gastonia—and all in the same month. They are L. Leona Dameron, supervisor of Quality Control Laboratory; Leonard B. McAbee, manager of Production Planning & Control; Ben Hanna Jr., twister operator in TC Twisting; Frank Brown, office cleaner, Shop; Emory A. Beaver, roller shoe supervisor, Shop.

Also marking anniversaries last month were 26 others with records of from 5 to 35 years.

Thirty-Five Years • William R. Rainey, Waste checker, Warehouse; William G. Hall, twister bobbin changer, TC Twisting.

Thirty Years • Helen Spencer Foy, Payroll control clerk.

Twenty-Five Years • Willie C. Kelly, beamer creeler, Preparation; Samuel A. Grissom, twister operator, TC Twisting; Dautha L. Lane, frame changer,

BG: UGF

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year. Firestone Bowling Green plant manager Thomas Yelton is a director of UGF.

People at Firestone make their UGF contributions through the in-plant drive which is usually completed by late October.

TC Twisting; Joe G. Adams, supervisor in TC Weaving; Tom J. Neal, elevator operator, Shop (retired Aug. 1).

Twenty Years • James A. Hamilton, wister bobbin changer, TC Twisting.

Fifteen Years • Thelma D. Robinson, beam knoter, TC Twisting; Freida D. Price, secretary to plant comptroller.

Ten Years • Edith W. Groves, reclamer, Preparation; Ruben A. Burchfield Jr., twister operator, TC Twisting; Linda Jo Carpenter, beam knoter, TC Twisting; Dewitt O. Ezell, box repairer, TC Twisting; Ollie B. Patton, respoiler operator, TC Twisting.

Also Helen E. Bradham, cleaner, TC Weaving; Raymond D. Rice, elevator operator, Shop; Roger D. Baker, lead operator, Nylon Treating.

Five Years • Danny B. Hallbrook, section supervisor, TC Twisting; Thelma R. Glenn, beam knoter, TC Twisting; Donald L. Price, cleaner, TC Twisting; David E. Costner, twister bobbin changer, TC Twisting.

Everett L. Reid, weaver, TC Weaving; Emma J. Gregory, loom knoter, TC Weaving; Roger D. Rosser, weaver, TC Weaving; Willie D. Sahms, loom starter, TC Weaving.

Almanac

• **Piedmont Interstate Fair, Spartanburg, S. C., October 11-16.**

The Sign of Virgo—August 23-September 22. Symbol: The Virgin.

Students of the zodiac and its influence upon earth mortals contend that Virgo is the sign of service. People born in this period are dedicated to others and like to help their fellows. They are caring, discriminating and industrious.

Mercury being the ruling planet, Virgoans are intelligent and analytical—sometimes to the point of trying to be perfectionists. They have very good taste in all things; are refined; forthright in opinion, even if it gets them into trouble.

It's said of Virgoans that January and May are their lucky months; Wednesday, their lucky day.

Scott McCarter shows the two front steel radials of a set of Firestones that went to a 52,000-mile service record. His Chevrolet Cheyenne pickup, here, has 6-ply nylon Firestone tires on rear wheels and on front, two others of another brand (on truck when bought new). Scott put 2,700 miles on the truck—pulling a camper—Gastonia to Iowa, Missouri and home again, on a vacation this summer.

FOR FUN & ADVENTURE

Rich September—ripe and mellow. Harvest. A turn in the Year's Road, to days of Autumn Glory. It's a time to go, to see and to do, especially in Firestone Textiles "three States"—the Carolinas and Kentucky. Come along.

NC: Fairs, Pioneer Living & Fun Days • Among major events this month are the Farmers Festival at Fairmont, 18-26 and Albemarle Craftsman's Fair, Elizabeth City, 22-26.

Fairtime in NC this month has these going into October, at: Hickory, Concord and Franklin, 13-18; Hendersonville, Lexington, Kinston, Goldsboro, 20-25; Edenton, 20-26; Elizabeth City, 27-Oct. 2.

More Sept. events: Arts & Crafts, Maggie Valley, 17-19; Pioneer Living Day, Weaverville, 19; Heritage Week, Beaufort, 19-26; Denim Fun Days, Erwin, 30-Oct. 2; NC Poultry Jubilee, Rose Hill, 27-Oct. 2.

NC early Oct.: Dixie Classic Fair, Winston-Salem, 1-9; Fall Festival, Chapel Hill, 3; Golden Belt Fair, Henderson, 4-9; Autumn Leaves Festival, Mt. Airy, 8-10; Gathering of Clans, Red Springs, 9-10; Moore Fair, Carthage, 11-14; Rock Swap, Nantahala Gorge, 16-17.

SC: Highland Gathering & Harvest Moon Stroll • Rayrode Daze Festival, Branchville, 24-26 and Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, Charleston, 25, are leading Sept. events. Others: Fair at Anderson, 20-25; Flea Market & Country Fair, Prosperity, 18; Colonial Life & Crafts at Charles Towne Landing, Charleston, 25-26; CB Radio Jamboree, Dillon, 26.

Early Oct.: Fair at Newberry, 4-9; Sgt. Jasper

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For more than two-score years Tracy Whitener was a part of the scene at Firestone, Gastonia. Then he "closed it out" at the end of August.

Two More 'Went Out'

After all those years on third shift, Whitener may need a while to re-orient—but then, he may take his time at that (retirement days being so unstructured, at least for a while).

The TC Weaving third-shift supervisor—special duties—has a service record of 41 years, 2 months and 17 days. He had been in his last job assignment since 1966. Before that he was a factory supervisor and in the "real early days," a loomfixer.

At the same time Whitener "went out," George Hill finished off his career at the Gastonia plant. Employed by the Shop but working all over the place as a carpenter, Hill's days on the job stretched into 16 years and 5 months at his retirement August 31.

Several Articles . . .

Bernie R. Farmer, manager of technical services of Firestone Textiles Company, has published several articles in textile trade journals over the past four years. A recent one was translated into Japanese and widely distributed in Japan.

Latest of his articles on technical phases of textile production is "Solving Twister Ring Problems" in the August, 1976 Textile Industries magazine.

In July this year, American Textiles published Farmer's "Ring Lubrication" in a "Twister Ring Studies" column. Among others of Farmer's articles are "Noise and Vibration" in the July, 1975 American Textiles; and "Textile Mechanical Evalua-

tion" in Textile Industries of September, 1973. This was the article circulated in Japanese.

MOST OF these published articles Farmer originally presented at meetings of the International Society of Industrial Yarn Manufacturers, a group he organized in 1974. Farmer was charter president of ISIYM and will retire from that office at the end of his second one-year term in November.

From 1970 to early 1976, he was projects manager of Gastonia's Process & Product Development. In March he was appointed manager of technical services. In earlier company service, Farmer was for more than four years manager of the Firestone textile plant in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

See You At Gravel Switch Festival

Festival, Jasper County, 1-3; Arts & Crafts Show, Spartanburg, 3-5; Harvest Moon Stroll, Charleston, 6; Festival in the Park & Bicentennial Observance, Lancaster, 8-9; Arts & Crafts, Waltherboro, 8-10; Octoberfest, Summerville, 9-10; Piedmont Fair, Spartanburg, 11-16.

Ky.: Apple Festival, Fishing Derby & Country Ham Days • Of "things going" in Sept.: Golden Armour Festival, Radcliff, 18; Black Patch Festival, Princeton, 18; Ky. Country Ham Days, Lebanon, 24-25; Fair at Mount Olivet, 23-25. Also Arts & Crafts Show, Princeton, 17-19; Arts & Crafts Festival, Louisville, 25-26; Kaintuck Territory Flea Market, Benton, 25-26.

Thoroughbred racing at Florence through Sept. to Oct. 4; at Lexington through Oct. 9; at Henderson, through Dec. 4. Kentucky Lake Fall Fishing Derby at Benton continues through Nov. 5; Senior Citizens Golf Tournament at Dawson Springs, Sept. 24-26.

Ky., early Oct.: Apple Festival, Paintsville, 1-2; Artists & Craftsmen's Fair, Berea, 1-3; Arts & Crafts, Henderson, 2-3; Oktoberfest, Louisville, 2-3; Oktoberfest, Benton, 2-3 & 9-10; Tobacco Festival, Russellville, 2-10; Old-Fashion Days, Greenup, 7-11; Kingdom Come Swapping, Cumberland, 8-9; Heritage Festival, Gravel Switch, 8-9; Traders & Founders Day, Somerset, 8-9; Sorghum Festival, West Liberty, 8-9.

Other States • Ark.: State Fair, Little Rock, 26-Oct. 5. Ind.: Oktoberfest, Terre Haute, Sept. 24-26. Va.: National Tobacco Festival, Richmond, Oct. 2-9. D.C.: City Celebration—street festival, Washington, Oct. 9-10.

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