

Old-style for a day

Several Firestone office people dressed old-style for a day the last week of the greater Gastonia Centennial observance in May.



In this group from Main Office and Process & Product Development (front and from left): Susan Costner, Bill Calhoun, Nova Lowe, Sandra Fewell; (second) Mary Ann Jackson, Serita Parks, Gail Cook, B.R. Farmer; (back) John Owens and David Buchanan.

Claypool, Division Personnel Manager Riley Retired

Jeff C. Claypool, textiles division personnel manager since June 15, joined Firestone in June, 1970, with the company's corporate training program of the Akron, Ohio, headquarters.

After one and a half years there, he transferred to the Firestone Decatur, Ill., plant as assistant personnel manager.

In early 1974, Claypool went to the New Castle, Ind., plant as personnel manager and in December that year, to Bowling Green, Ky., as personnel manager.

THE NEW division personnel manager and his wife Karen are natives of Mansfield, Ohio. He received a degree in psychology from Grove City (Pa.) College in 1970 and the MA degree in counseling from West-

ern Kentucky University, Bowling Green, in May this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Claypool have a daughter, Kelley, 6; and a son, Scott, 2.

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"In appreciation for 38 years of service with The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company," reads the plaque which the company headquarters presented to Alvin V. Riley in Akron a few days before he retired June 30.

The Firestone Textiles Company division personnel manager came from his native Camden, S.C., to begin work at the Gastonia plant Oct. 25, 1939.

HIS FIRST job in old cotton carding was in production. Before he left the department, he had moved up to section, then shift, supervisor. Next, to Qual-

ity Control as supervisor of inspection.

In 1956 he moved to Industrial Relations as safety direc-



• Alvin V. Riley (left), division personnel manager, retired; and Jeff Claypool, new manager.

tor; in 1959 to employee relations manager a year later. He had been textiles division personnel manager since January, 1970.

His many contributions in community service include Boy Scout leadership (Silver Beaver Award), International Management Club (charter member), YMCA; personnel and safety organizations. He is a past chairman of Gaston County Democratic party.

Mr. and Mrs. (Ruby) Riley have a daughter and a son: Beverly (Mrs. Neil) Marlow of Hickory and Van of Greensboro. Mrs. Riley is retired from Firestone TC Twisting.

Firestone Air Shows AT THREE PARKS

This season Firestone is again sponsoring air shows at three family-entertainment theme parks: Kings Island near Cincinnati, Kings Dominion near Richmond, Va., and Carowinds near Charlotte, N.C.

The company first sponsored an aerial act, "The Greatest Shows Off the Earth," at Kings Island in 1974. The shows were extended to the sister park, Kings Dominion in 1975 and to Carowinds last year.

At each of the three parks, shows feature two biplanes, a diving team and a hot-air balloon. There are performances each evening at Kings Island and Kings Dominion, and on

weekends at Carowinds. The air shows are used at other times for out-of-park events.

Kings Island, Kings Dominion and Carowinds are open daily through Labor Day.

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Employees at Gastonia, Bennettsville and Bowling Green are being offered discount-admission coupons this season to Kings Island, Kings Dominion and Carowinds.

Honor Graduate

Jacqueline Beth Wyatt was second in the top five honor graduates of Warren East High School, Bowling Green, Ky., this year. Jackie, a 1977 recipient of a Firestone company scholarship worth up to \$12,000, recorded a grade-point average 3.986 at Warren East.

On the Firestone scholarship this fall, she will study for a

career in mathematics/computer science, entering Western Kentucky University this fall.

Jackie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis C. Wyatt of Rt. 4, Smiths Grove, Ky. Her father works in the fabric-treating unit at Firestone Textiles' Bowling Green plant.

Another honor Jackie received at graduation time: She shared with three other students in \$1,000 of scholarship funds sponsored by the Bowling Green Women's Club.

Truckin' 400,000 Miles A Year

Three new International Harvester TransStar tractors and 9 new Fruehauf trailers make up the rolling stock of Firestone Textiles Company's Control Delivery System.

DRIVERS & SUPERVISOR
From front and left: Roy Hamilton, Bob Collins, Reid Moore, Olin McClain and Mitch Tickle. McClain is Gastonia CDS supervisor.

The four drivers who operate the service in and out of Gastonia have logged millions of miles and multiplied thousands of hours road time without an accident along the way. Each year they "roll up" some 400,000 miles.

R.K. "Bob" Collins, Reid Moore, Mitch Tickle and Roy Hamilton usually make 6 runs a week. Reid and Roy travel to Akron and Barberton, Ohio, with a stop at Wilson, N.C. on

return. Bob and Mitch haul mostly to Pottstown, Pa., to Wilson, with sometimes a side trip to Hopewell, Va.

ON RUNS north, they carry fabric from Gastonia; and returning, bring tires, mill stock and other material. The trips are mainly over Interstates 77, 85 and 95. Drivers work under direction of John Murawski, traffic manager at the plant since late 1975. He worked 5 years in Akron before coming to Gastonia. Olin McClain, CDS supervisor, had 12 years trucking experience in Charlotte before coming with Firestone in 1975.

Driver Collins is the original operator, joining the system when it started in March, 1971. He has a 10-year safety record. Moore, with the company 4 years, also has a 10-year safety record. Hamilton and Tickle joined the truck service in February this year. All the drivers had other trucking experience before work with Firestone.

Tractors and trailers are leased from Ruan Leasing Company. Wind deflectors and non-ribbed sides reduce drag. All these features work an average 2 miles-per-gallon fuel saving over equipment in earlier service. The rate now is 6 mpg.

