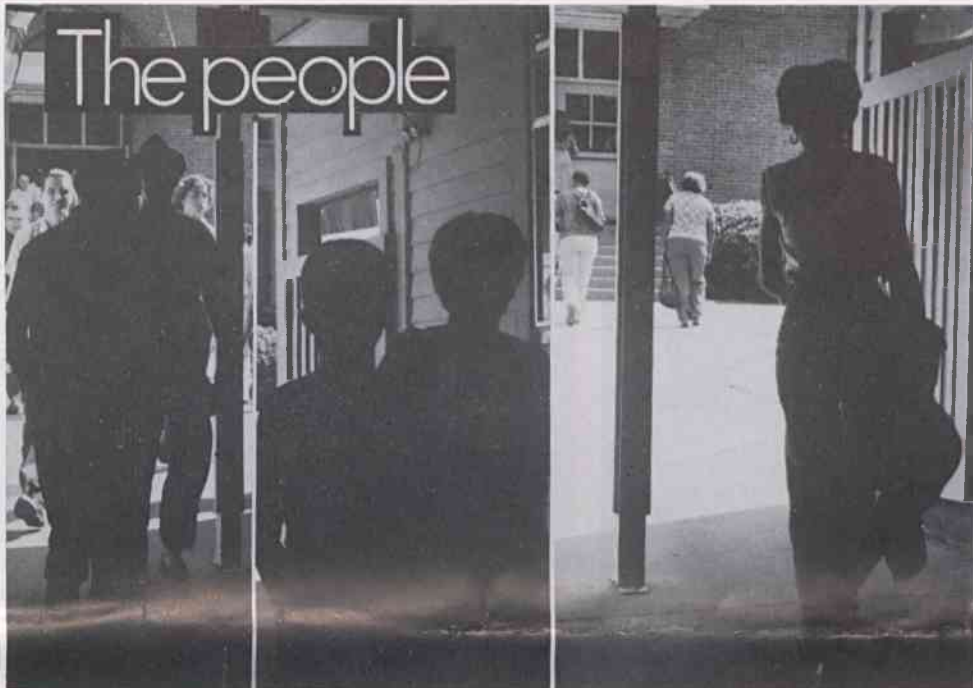


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Change from first to second shift at Gastonia Firestone Textiles plant.

Industrial Engineer

Dan Paul Howe joined the Gastonia plant staff in June as industrial engineer. He succeeds Guido Martinelli who earlier this year left the textile division to become the company's Northeast U.S. sales representative in Diversified Products.



DAN HOWE
NCSU
Graduate

Howe is a graduate of N.C. State University where he received a B.S. degree in textile technology in May this year.

In his Gastonia job, he works on special assignments under direction of Philip R. Williams, factory manager.

Dan lived with his family in Panama Canal Zone through grade school and junior high. His father was a government engineer with the Canal dredging service. The elder Mr. Howe retired and moved with the family to Hendersonville, where Dan attended West Henderson High School.

He and wife Shelia have a son, Nathan, age 2.

Has Five Years

Carolyn S. Stubbs marked her fifth service anniversary at Bennettsville in late July. She is a splicer in Weaving.

On July 13, we experienced what could have been a very bad fire in the #8 treating unit at Gastonia. Only quick action by our employees in controlling the blaze prevented a large amount of damage.

Our newly-installed alarm system summoned the fire brigade from the plant, and I am told that there was 100 percent response. Very prompt response by the City Fire Department put our own brigade in a standby role, but we are proud of their demonstrated willingness to do whatever was required.

All of us should feel secure in knowing these dedicated people are trained and ready to protect our jobs and lives against the ravages of fire.

There were others in the #8 area who conducted themselves with intelligent bravery in prompt action before the firemen arrived. To these men we extend our thanks for a job extremely well done.

To those directly involved, and those willing to be involved, please accept my personal appreciation for your fine attitude about Firestone. I'm certain all employees join me in saying "Thanks."

J. B. CALL, President
Firestone Textiles Company

**Thanks
For A
Job
Well
Done**

UGF Chairman

Bowling Green (Ky.) United Givers Fund board of directors in July named Thomas Yelton general campaign chairman of the 1977 UGF drive.

The Firestone Textiles plant manager will head the community fund-raising campaign to help support 13 UGF character-building and charitable member agencies for 1978 operation.

The drive officially begins September 1.

Lots Of Fun—While It Lasted

The Firestone Playground summer season which began June 13 continued through August 5—a shorter-than-usual schedule. Youngsters in the West Gastonia plant community had fun at swings, seasaws, wadding pool and other recreation "trying to whip the summer heat."

The company-owned facility is made available for operation by Gastonia City Parks & Recreation Department. Children are supervised by City Recreation personnel. These photos were made in the final days of the playground season.

Managerial Assignments

Richard Harrison, TC Weaving department manager, was assigned to overall supervision of both weaving units at the Gastonia plant in June. The department manager of TC Weaving since early 1976, Harrison is now in charge of Tire Cord Weaving, and Chafer/Wire Weaving.

He has been with Firestone at Gastonia around 8 years. Harrison is a graduate of N. C. State University, with a degree in textile technology.

Along with Harrison's assignment came three other job changes in the combined weaving departments:

Clee H. McCaslin, to foreman of Chafer/Weaving.

Clyde Thomasson, to foreman

of Tire Cord Weaving.

Ray H. Shields, to supervisor of Control Maintenance. He succeeds Ray Thomas who retired. Shields, with the company 29 years, had been foreman in Wire Weaving.

McCaslin, with Firestone 37 years, had been supervisor of Chafer/Wire Weaving. Thomasson, who had been foreman—special duties, has 18 years company service.

Manager At Milan

Claude W. Smith has been manager of the Firestone Foam Products Company plant at Milan, Tenn. since late June. He had been manager of the Bennettsville, S. C., plant of Firestone Textiles Company since March of 1976.

The plant at Milan produces

polyurethane foam for furniture cushioning, bedding and automotive applications.

Smith, 39, is from Union, S. C. After receiving a B.S. in textile science from Clemson University, he joined Firestone at Gastonia in 1965 and that year went to Buncos Aires, Argentina, as assistant and later manager of the company's textile plant. **(More on page 3)**

