

First In Softball



Firestone Textiles (Bennettsville) team this summer was first place in the regular season of Marlboro County Recreation Department Men's Softball League, with a record of 16 wins and 2 losses. Benny McCall (left front) county recreation department athletic direc-

tor, presented the team a trophy. Team members (front, from left): Randy Woodberry, Robin Frye, Jerry Dowdy, and (back, from left): Moses Covington, Jim McCaskill, Joe Hood, Mike Griggs, Thomas Norton and Roger Griggs.

The end-of-season awards

were made at Firestone Field. Besides the team award, Robin Frye received a trophy honoring him as most valuable player; and Mike Griggs, the Home Run trophy. He had 17 home runs during the season. This was the first year of a county softball league.

Some thinking on metrics—

A hectare is a measure of land surface—one equal to about five-tenths of an acre. It takes five milliliters to fill a teaspoon.

A tonne is about like an English long ton, or slightly more than 2,200 pounds.

Perfect Attendance

57 AT
BENNETTSVILLE

"With all our dependable and dedicated employees at this plant, we look for a continuation of this good record for the last fiscal quarter of the year," said Frances L. Fletcher, listing Bennettsville people who had no absence from work in the May 1-July 31 quarter of this year. The Industrial Relations representative noted that the perfect-attendance record was shared by 57 employees—an increase over that of the February-April quarter.

Those with perfect attendance during the fiscal 3rd quarter: James Abraham, William M. Ainsworth, Jerry H. Allred, Elease C. Barfield, Albert Bostic, Weldon Brigman Jr., Freddie Brown, Ronald Brown, Walter Brown Jr., Herdith L. Calhoun, Jr., Jerry M. Coble, Bobby Covington, James F. Covington, Helen L. Creech, Redona J. David, Thomas M. Dismal, Eugene Driggers, Luther J. Ford, Thomas C. Frazier.

A trip to the Caribbean was a summer treat for Mae Jones, millwright (Shop), Gastonia plant. Last year, she traveled in Europe.

Also Burnett C. Freeman, Leon P. Freeman, Robert L. Grooms, Robert H. Hailey Jr., William E. Hyatt, Willie Mae Ivory, Elizabeth C. Jordan, Curtis J. Ledbetter, Archie Leviner, William C. Lewis, James Little, Vera Joyce Lloyd, Helen S. McLean, William C. McLean, Willie McNeil Jr., T. C. Mack Jr., Rufus V. Miles, Ruby Jean O'Tuel, Charles Peterkin, Ronald B. Peterkin, Woodrow Purvis.

Others: Charles E. Quick, Jerrie C. Ratcliffe, Rufus W. Sellers, Faye H. Shankle, Carl R. Starnes, Mary B. Starnes, Mildred S. Steen, Geraldine Strickland, Charles Sweatt Jr., Lougina Thomas, Eugene Thompson, Annie Mae Watson, Betty A. Watson, Otis Watson, Prentiss White, Billy C. Williams, John W. Williams.

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Charles P. McArver, 63, died August 20. He was retired from Scheduling at the Gastonia plant, with 27 years company service. Survivors are his wife Eugenia McArver, and sisters, Alice Hoffman and Virginia McArver.

GASTONIA Service Records

• J. L. Patterson, welder in the Shop, became the 183rd 'clock' person at Gastonia to reach the 35-year service mark. His employment dates from August 25, 1943.

Others with service records last month (30 years): Beatrice S. Player, respooler operator in TC Twisting; and Lee R. Sims, carpenter, Shop. And others in August:

Twenty-Five Years • Andrew W. Henson, weaver, TC Weaving; Marlene E. Stewart, reweaver, TC Weaving; Grady G. Wylie, twister bobbin changer, TC Twisting.

Fifteen Years • Moetell P. Stiles, automatic splicer operator, TC Weaving.

Ten Years • James S. Meeks, supervisor, Warehouse.

Five Years • Barbara A. Brown, respooler operator; Robert L. Carpenter; Jessie B. Faulkner, tape bonder; Joyce G. Humphries, twister operator; Rosie L. Jackson, respooler operator; Grady S. McMiller Jr., twister bobbin changer; Anthony Stewart, twister bobbin changer—all TC Twisting.

Robert L. Cochran, weaver; Hazel C. Groves, splicer operator; Nancy T. Head, splicer—all in TC Weaving. Also Bobby E. Henson, millwright, Shop; William E. Finger, fabric handler, Warehouse; Steve M. Moxley, power truck operator, Warehouse; Ferdinand Wallace Jr., storekeeper, General Stores.

721 2-Year Warranty

Firestone's Steel Belted Radial 721 passenger tires purchased at stores and dealers during a special marketing promotion, carry a full 2-year warranty. The promotion period began July 1 and ends Oct. 31.

The special warranty provides for free replacement within a 24-month period of a Steel Belted Radial 721 tire which becomes unserviceable on a passenger car, because of a defect in workmanship or material and which was purchased at a Firestone dealer or store during the July-October promotion. Free replacement includes mounting and balancing.

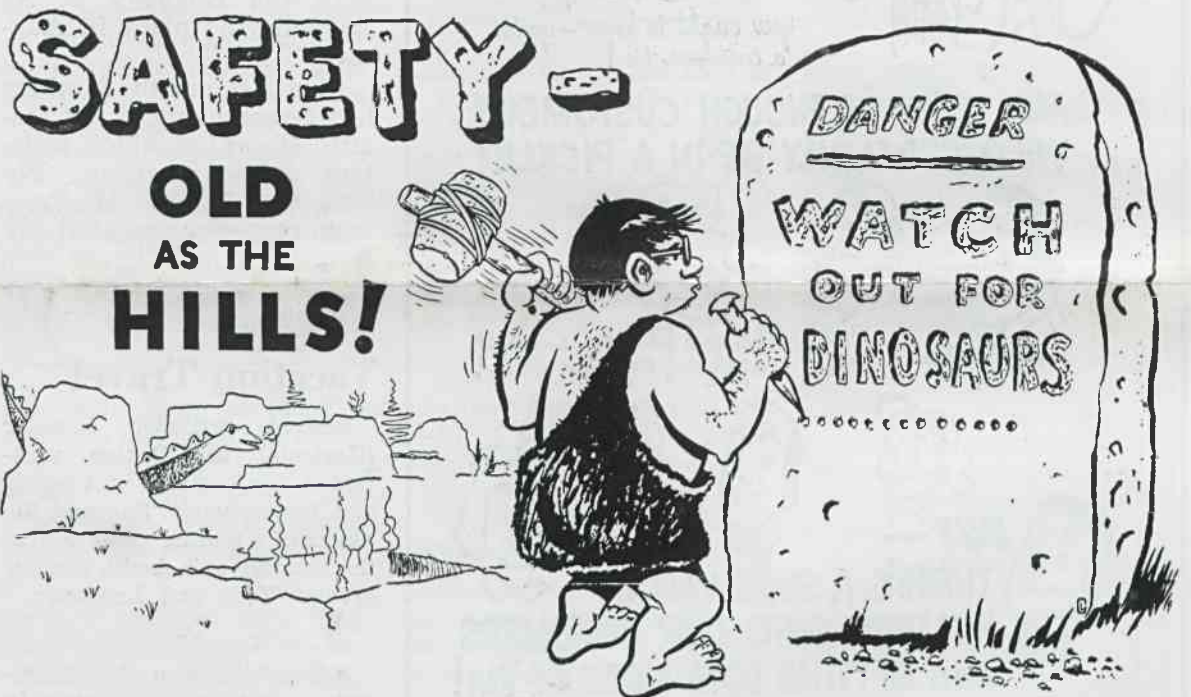
This warranty is in addition to the regular warranty on the 721. It is being promoted in newspaper, radio and television ads.

"We are convinced that the Firestone Steel Belted Radial 721 is the best steel belted radial available anywhere. And we are offering this full 2-year warranty to demonstrate our belief in the outstanding quality of the 721," said L. J. Lombardi, company vice president of sales and marketing.



Coming To Work

• Johnnie Ray Gosnell began work in mid-summer as twister operator learner in TC Twisting at Firestone, Gastonia. At age 17, it's his first job. Johnnie usually rides his bike to work on 2nd shift from home on Pearson Street, Gastonia.



Some historians believe that occupational injuries had their grim beginning when the first caveman undertook to flake a spearhead from a flint boulder. He got a flying chip in his eye.

The Code of Hammurabi, cuneiform characters cut in stone, includes compensation arrangements for builders and shipwrights hurt on the job in ancient Babylonia.

There were plenty of hazards in history's early time. But it is well to remember that the ancients didn't have to contend with all the multiplicity of hazards which we take for granted in our lifetime: Dangerous chemicals, nuclear power, high-pressure air and steam, explosives, high-powered ma-

chinery, towering structures—and on and on.

With the multiplied work hazards of our time, it is a marvel that we have so few occupational injuries and fatalities, in proportion to the dangers existing.

How come? Occupational injury control is successful, for the most part. It works on the idea that injuries are caused. It trains people to work safely; it works at changing environment and situations on the job so as to reduce or eliminate hazards.

But still, there are injuries and fatalities—as we know. One of either is too many.

Safety is old as the hills. It is as up-to-date as today and tomorrow.

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