

## 'Year Of The Green Light'

mechanical shop. A new 5,000-pound-capacity boiler put into operation, more new fuel-oil tanks installed underground—a 30,000-gallon for #2 oil and a smaller one as catch container.

Bowling Green improvements. A \$400,000 project completed, installing smoke-control devices on #9 treating unit (#1 already had similar equipment.)

Bennettsville. Completed installation of 13 modern Whiting twisting machines, replacing outmoded ones in Ply Twisting.

**Other Areas of Progress** ● Gastonia: With company-sponsored bloodmobile in August (1 of 2 each year) Firestone people reached the 7,702-pint mark. The continuing blood-giving program which began in 1948, makes Gastonia, along with Firestone's Los Angeles, Cal., plant longest-running blood programs among all Firestone plants in the U. S.

Firestone people pledged \$41,384 to Gaston United Way. Received United Way Gold Award for participation.

**COMPANY PRESENTED** awards in annual Gaston County Scouting program. Participated in annual Chamber of Commerce membership campaign. Had a Job Forum exhibit at Eastridge Mall.

Plant received 31st annual Safety Award from N. C. Department of Labor; also an award from National Safety Council.

Led in annual "Join the Y" program, 106 memberships obtained. Had a Scholarship and 2 Merit winners in company's College scholarship program. Gastonia plant's purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds at end of year was 67.8 of the employment.

Bennettsville. People were again 100 per cent in payroll

purchase of Savings Bonds and at the top among all plants for Suggestion participation. Plant was completing 12th year of outstanding safety record—no chargeable injuries.

Plant received Central (S. C.) Carolina Safety Council trophy for 3rd consecutive time, thus permanent possession. Presented a Firestone display at the Commercial Fair of Chesterfield/Marlboro Technical College, Cheraw, S. C.

In United Fund of Marlboro, people were 100 per cent in their contributions.

Bowling Green. Took part in annual Free Enterprise Fair at Western Kentucky University. U. S. Savings Bonds purchase reached 62 per cent of employment. People gave \$15,840 to United Way. In safety, by end of fiscal year was well on way toward 2 million people hours on the job free of injury.

**ALL 3 U. S. PLANTS** of the division took part in the "Year of the Green Light—Go" program, to increase production, efficiency, profit-improvement, etc.

The Suggestion program at all plants improved. Some "big pay" ideas were adopted during the year: At Gastonia, a suggestion for \$4,465; at Bowling Green, \$930, \$1,220 and \$2,285.

All 3 plants arranged and programmed a Free Enterprise/Citizenship seminar in plant county locations—Gaston, N. C.; Marlboro, S. C. and Warren, Ky. Seminars featured Charles Hagel, associate manager of Firestone's governmental affairs service.

**Energy Savings** ● At the end of the fiscal year, energy savings at all the U. S. Textiles Division plants (Gastonia, Bowling Green and Bennettsville) was 20.91. That was almost 3 per cent



From Left:  
York  
Murray  
Grigg  
King

## 'Gone Out'

●● Although he took early retirement, William J. York's work record with Firestone Textiles finished out with 43 years and 6 days. The TC Twisting supervisor's retirement started Dec. 1.

Alloise T. Murray, splicer operator in TC Weaving, had put in 37 years and 6 days at her retirement which also began Dec. 1. At the same time, 2 others joined the group "going out":

Mason King, Main Office messenger, left with 31 years and 9 months "work done," David G. Grigg, section supervisor in Chafer Weaving,

finished with 10 years and almost 6 months.

Others whose retirement began in November, but were not included in that list last month:

Roland B. Jolly, twister cleaner in TC Twisting, 34 years and 5 months; and Fred Cranford, twister operator, TC Twisting, 27 years and 9 months.

## News Digest Films

The second of 2 films on "The Art of Diplomacy" is the December offering of Firestone's Screen News Digest films in the current series which the company makes available to public junior and senior high schools in a dozen plant cities.

Gastonia and Bowling Green are among the plant locations receiving Digest films this school season. First in the current series was a double issue for September-October, "Conquest of the Skies"; and for November, "The Ethiopian Powder Keg."

The January offering is "Focus on 1954"; and for February, "The Truman Legacy."

When not in use in the schools, the Screen News films are available for showing to local church, community, club and other group meetings.

The Firestone plant personnel offices and school administrative offices in Gastonia and Bowling Green have information on the films and their use outside the schools.

Douglas Jennings, M. D., and Firestone Textiles Bennettsville, S. C., employee physician, is the newly-elected president of Marlboro County Rescue Squad.

The Rescue Squad, a United Fund service, recently acquired 2 new vehicles—a modular-type ambulance and a truck for carrying the squad's crash equipment.

## Scholarships

**Firestone employees' sons and daughters who are applying for the 1979 Firestone College Scholarships:**

December 22 is last date for regular registration to take the SAT test on the final scheduled date, January 27, 1979. Late-registration date is January 5.

Already the SAT test has been administered on November 4 and December 2. Firestone applicants taking the SAT must designate on the registration form the Firestone Scholarship Code -0080- for scores to be sent automatically to the Scholarship Committee in Akron.

## BOWLING GREEN Industry Appreciation

A model loom, a functioning cable twister setup, raw and treated synthetic yarns and fabrics, photos of plant and production processes, and a Firestone 721 Steel Belted Radial tire were featured in a display during Industry Appreciation Week in Bowling Green this fall.

The Firestone Textiles display was at the American National Bank. The scale model Draper loom was fabricated and assembled by personnel in Weaving and Maintenance; the functioning twister arrangement by the people in Twisting.

**NYLON**, polyester and fiberglass yarn and fabric were featured in the tire-cord portion of the exhibit. An aerial photo of the factory and grounds and process and production photos were included in the layout, along with the 721 tire.

Brenda Hale, controller secretary, chaired the committee arranging and presenting the display. Others on the committee were Leroy Johnson and Joe Millea of Engineering; J. A. Griffin, Quality Control; D. R. Davis, Waste supervisor; G. T.

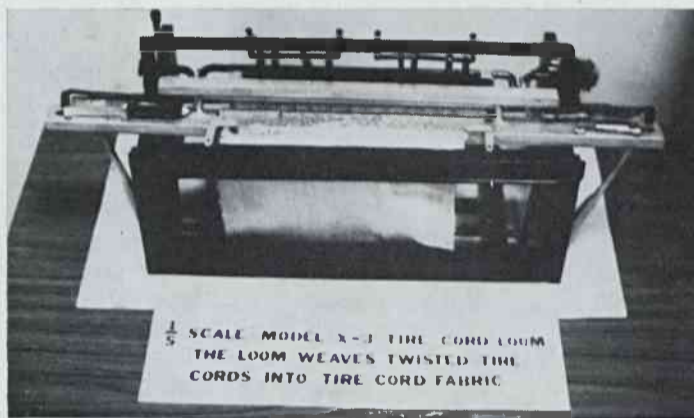
Shields, Safety engineer; S. A. Tomlin, factory auditor; J. R. Harrison, Weaving manager; R. B. Henderson, manager Treating units.

Draper, Chompton Knowles, Sulcer—well-known names of modern power looms. The WWG loom, for display and not production, is becoming known in Bowling Green from its showing at the annual Industry Appreciation Week in a downtown bank lobby.

The WWG (Williams-Williams-Gillentine) is one of a kind—a scale model. Three employees of the Firestone Textiles plant built it: Jesse Williams, head loom fixer; Bobby Williams, special projects man; and James Gillentine, style changer. They are in Weaving—each with 10 years service. They work under direction of Jesse Liles, in charge of machinery upkeep.

Weaving department manager is Richard Harrison.

Some figures comparing the loom model with a regular production loom: The standard X3



is about 54 inches long, 86 inches wide and 56 inches tall. The WWG is 10 inches long, 17 inches wide and 9 inches tall.

Haskell King milled out the sides of the loom model. He is

a 10-year employee in Maintenance.

The WWG is a model that really works, although not "in Production". But it gets a lot of attention.

## Anniversaries

●● Robert L. Grooms, fabric changer and baler in Cord Weaving, had his 35th service anniversary at Bennettsville in early December. Also last month, Faye K. Shankle completed her 35th year. She is a technician in the Quality Control-Laboratory department.

Others with December service anniversaries:

**Thirty Years** ● Archie Lebine, section supervisor, Cable Twisting.

**Five Years** ● Charles E. Quick, section supervisor, Ply Twisting.



Observance of Twelfth Night or Old Christmas (Jan. 6 on today's calendar) is a tradition in many countries, including the United States, but here limited to local areas.

For example, Kentucky and North Carolina. Around Rodanthe on Hatteras Island, Outer Banks of N. C., people still remember Twelfth Night with solemn reflection, fun and frolic. And at Prestonsburg, Ky., each year there is an Old Christmas Party at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.